

# RAIL AMBITION ON RIGHT TRACK

Report by Naomi Penrose

**RAILWAY enthusiasts say they are on the right track to reopen Oswestry's rail line as a major tourist attraction.**

The upbeat message came from a recently restored section of the line was officially opened on Saturday.

Volunteers say the reopening of part of the line signals a "fantastic step forward" in their ambitious dream to restore the railway. The official opening of the restored section took place on the 50th anniversary of the last train to pull out of the once busy station. The station's closure 50 years ago was one of several to take place under the infamous Dr Beeching cuts which decimated the country's rail network.

Volunteers from the Cambrian Heritage Railways have been working for decades to reopen the line as a tourist route. They said they were delighted to be able to formally reopen part of the route at the weekend, with Oswestry Mayor Paul Milner attending the official launch.

## Restored

The restored section runs from the Victorian station in Oswald Road, past Coney Green to Gasworks Bridge. Thanks to a link-up with Shropshire Council, a new footpath also runs alongside the line.

Rob Williams, chairman of Cambrian Heritage Railways, said it is hoped by 2018 the group will be able to reopen the line as far as Weston Wharf on the edge of Oswestry to link up with the Stonehouse Brewery and other businesses.

Mr Williams said: "It's certainly going to be a tall order but it is realistic, especially as we've now opened that first chunk which is excellent. The picture is looking optimistic and the feedback we've had from people has been brilliant. Many people can't wait and have said it's going to be a nice, solid tourist attraction."

Mr Williams said in the long-term it is hoped the line will reopen as far as Llanyrnach to the south - linking up with the group's site in Llyncllys - and the main line station at Gobowen to the north.

Jenny Pickstock, company secretary for Cambrian Heritage Railways, said it was a momentous day to see the formal opening of the restored line on Saturday.

She said: "Whilst the closing of the line was extremely negative, it means we've been able to celebrate this fantastic step forward this weekend. It's gone from being a negative to a real positive and now we've got a very hopeful future ahead of us."

"It's wonderful to see how far we've come and that's all down to the volunteers who come week in, week out, and the public who support us and come to our events. It was wonderful to see so many people turn out for the event this weekend, and we're extremely grateful to the mayor for coming along to open the new piece of track for us."

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It's green for go on the restored rail line as, from left, Cambrian Heritage Railways chairman Rob Williams, guard Clive Roberts and fireman David Morris, celebrate the major step forward. Photo: David Hamilton.

## Teenage girl incident sparks further alert

A MAN in a "suspicious vehicle" asked a teenage girl if she needed a lift, police have said.

Officers say they were called to a report of a suspicious vehicle on The Crescent in Nesscliffe, between Oswestry and Shrewsbury. Police confirmed they are also investigating after another "suspicious vehicle" was reported to have followed a woman in Morda near Oswestry.

That incident happened on Erw Wen, shortly after 1.30pm on Friday, when two men got out of a small silver saloon vehicle, and told the woman in her late 20s to get into the car. She replied no and the men got back in the car before driving away. The woman was uninjured but left shaken up by the incident.

The men are both described as white, in their mid-to-late 20s, and of slim build. They were believed to be wearing grey tracksuits. The

driver had flat dark hair, which was short at the back and sides and pushed forward. The passenger had a similar haircut but it was mousey brown in colour.

It is believed that the occupants of the silver car were seen around the same time to be talking to the occupant of a small white van, which had blue sign writing with the letters DPB on the side of the van. Police are keen to also trace the driver of the white van.

Following the incident in Nesscliffe on Saturday, Laura Maltby, a spokeswoman for West Mercia Police, said: "A teenage girl was walking when a man stopped in a car and asked if she was okay and needed a lift. She said no and the man drove away. The girl was uninjured. There was no attempt made to touch the girl in question."

The incident comes after police revealed they

were investigating the attempted abduction of two schoolchildren in Oswestry and Weston Rhyn last month.

And last week officers from North Wales Police were also alerted to a man "behaving suspiciously", after a schoolgirl reported being followed by a man who got out of a black van in the Lloyds Lane area of Chirk on Thursday evening.

Despite these recent alarming events in the North Shropshire area, West Mercia Police said these latest incidents are not linked to the previous cases. Detective Inspector Mark Jones said: "I am not, at present, formally linking this to two previously reported incidents involving a black Renault Clio which approached two schoolchildren in the Oswestry area. There are significant differences which is why they are not being linked."

## CRIME

### Plan for police to share premises is given a welcome

A WELSHPOOL councillor has welcomed a move which could see police stations share premises with the fire service and councils in a bid to save money.

Dyfed-Powys Police and Crime Commissioner Dafydd Llywelyn says the aim of the proposals is to ensure communities do not lose their police stations.

The move could affect police buildings in Montgomeryshire, including at both Welshpool and Newtown.

Mr Llywelyn, who was elected into office in May, said: "The overall aim and purpose of this work is to ensure that police stations are not lost from our communities. I am adamant that no town or village will lose a police presence and co-location is a solution that will strengthen that position."

Welshpool Town Councillor Estelle Bleivas said she believed the move could work if it was to go ahead in Welshpool.

She said: "It sounds like an excellent idea, especially if the police moved into larger premises because it would mean it would be open all day to the public, as currently there isn't that sort of presence really in the town."

"I do think it would go some way in tackling the problems Welshpool encounters with anti-social behaviour."

"It would mean a place for people to go to report incidents. One thing I will say is it's important that confidentiality remains strict if premises are shared."

## RETAIL

### Free Christmas car park deal is agreed

TRADERS in Oswestry are encouraging shoppers to make use of a free Christmas parking offer.

Oswestry Town Council has agreed to free parking in its three car parks from 2pm onwards from December 12 through to Christmas Eve inclusive. The council operates Central, Horsemarket and Smithfield Street car parks. Chamber of Commerce chairman Neil Jenkins said: "Along with the Christmas lights, Christmas Live and the lights switch-on it all adds to making Oswestry a really pleasant place to enjoy Christmas shopping."

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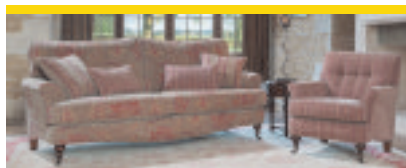


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# Care home bosses say food standards are now better

Report by Sally Williams

**THE owners of a care home criticised for poor food hygiene have spoken out in defence of their standards.**

Officials who run The Rhallt Lodge in Welshpool said they were confident issues raised by inspectors had been dealt with.

They said food for residents was prepared at an nearby care home which had the top possible food hygiene rating of five.

It comes after the home in Salop Road was named as one of 50 care providers in Wales that have been told to improve their food hygiene standards. It scored one out of a possible five in the Food Standards Agency ratings which means major improvement is necessary.

The problems came to light in food hygiene reports obtained under the Freedom of Information Act and data from the FSA.

A spokesman for Barchester Healthcare Ltd, which runs The Rhallt Lodge, said: "The food for The Rhallt Lodge is prepared at the adjacent care home which has a food hygiene rating of five - the highest possible rating. We are confident that we have addressed the issues flagged by the recent inspection which includes organising further paperwork. We have requested a retest and are confident we'll see an improved rating. Providing the highest quality care is of the utmost importance to us and we take it very seriously."

Footsteps Day Nursery in Welshpool and Bronllys Hospital in Brecon both scored two which means "improvement is necessary".

Louise Macken, owner of Footsteps Day Nursery said: "Action has already been taken on this and we are awaiting a new inspection."

"There were some issues with the maintenance of a building owned by Powys County Council but they have all been rectified."

Powys teaching Health Board said it was working on the required improvements at the 100-year-old Bronllys community hospital.

Meanwhile, Loving Care - a care home in Machynlleth - scored zero, which means that urgent improvement necessary.

A spokeswoman for Loving Care said: "Sadly we've had a few issues such as paperwork and a few things weren't covered in the fridge but when they came out again they seemed happy with everything and we are awaiting another inspection soon."

## New playground is a hit with residents



Jo Cosgrove, Leah Cosgrove, Sam Pugh, Mayor of Oswestry Paul Milner and Deputy Mayor Vince Hunt at the playground

CHILDREN enjoyed exploring a new playground during the recent half term holidays, thanks to a regeneration project at town centre flats.

The play area in Castlefields, Oswestry, was officially opened by Mayor, Councillor Paul Milner and welcomed by local residents and children.

Shropshire Towns and Rural Housing funded and co-ordinated the project which aims to provide a safe environment for children to play, along with bringing people in the community together.

Officers talked to residents about what they wanted to see as part of a £185,000 project to breathe new life into the area. The enclosed design of the play area, build by company Ray Parry, allows parents to easily keep an eye on their children enabling them to play safely.

One of the tenants, Rebecca Willmott, said: "It's great that STAR Housing have acted on what they said they'd do. Myself, and other people in the area, feel really positive that we can now speak to STAR and Shropshire Council and that they'll listen

to what we have to say and act on what they promise. It's great that the children have a safe environment to play and that allows them to play outside like children should. Hopefully it will bring a sense of community to the area." Sam Pugh, Housing Officer for STAR Housing, said: "We've created this project to develop a safe area for children to play that will also bring the community together. We consulted with the residents in the area to find out what they wanted so the play area was heavily influenced by tenant priorities."



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## Open road again, says councillor

SHROPSHIRE Council Deputy Leader Steve Charmley has called for the pedestrianised zone of Cross Street in Oswestry to be opened up to traffic again for a trial period.

The councillor said the move would boost trade in the area.

Councillor Charmley said: "Last week saw the latest in a series of meetings between, Oswestry and Shropshire councils, various town stakeholders and experts in town-scapes and design.

"The group has been discussing lots of ideas, with some draft proposals due to come back to the group for discussion early in the New Year. Having been involved in discussions around regeneration in my economic growth role at Shropshire Council for some time now, it is clear that the Cross Street area of the town is really struggling, the empty shops do not give a positive entrance to the town. We need to change the dynamic of this part of the town, at present its just not going to attract new business to the town. With this in mind I am calling on the town council to abandon the pedestrianised zone and remove the bollards for a trial period of six months, to see what can be achieved in terms of regeneration. The usual events can still be catered for using temporary traffic orders, but I am calling for Cross Street to be made open for business."

## Businesswoman provides funds

AN Oswestry businesswoman has lent her support to a Shropshire hospice charity.

Severn Hospice has been given £500 from Principality Oswestry Agency and Woodhead Oswestry Sales and Lettings, based on Leg Street.

Owner, Kate Howell was one of 170 guests who attended a fundraising event at the Wynnstay Hotel in Oswestry.

The event raised more than £5,000 on the evening, money which will be used to fund vital palliative care through Severn Hospice's Hospice at home service.

Event organiser Enid Thomas, said she was delighted for the support the appeal has received.

Kate Howell, who lost her father Bill Woodhead to cancer, said she was especially grateful to the hospice for the support they gave her and her father in his final days.

# Petition calls for parking to be free

FREE parking in Oswestry would help businesses fight against the threat of out-of-town retailers, a petition says.

Businesses are behind an online petition which is demanding a completely new look at parking in Oswestry.

More than 300 people have given their backing to the petition which states that town businesses are finding daily survival increasingly difficult.

It states: "Once a bustling little

market town, Oswestry's charming side streets, packed with small local businesses, have the potential to become competitive, central shopping hubs once again. Free parking is just one example of an initiative that may help to achieve this and we want to ensure that the local councils do everything they can to rejuvenate this wonderful town centre."

The owner of the Hi Style hair and

beauty salon, Liz Coleridge, said she wanted to see visitors to Oswestry having to pay less to park their cars.

"It would bring more people into Oswestry if the cost of parking was brought down," she said.

Butcher Kevin Battams said that the loss of parking revenue would provide a boost in other areas.

Oswestry Mayor Councillor Paul Milner said: "I am aware of the peti-

tion. Council tax is heavily subsidised by income from car parking and the charges also allow management control. Without that control there could be all day parking that would not be in the best interest of local retailers and the local economy."

The petition is at <https://www.change.org/p/oswestry-town-council-free-parking-in-oswestry-town-centre-a-bid-to-revive-the-town>

# Hospital's cash appeal hits its £500k target

Report by Naomi Penrose

**OSWESTRY Orthopaedic Hospital's Bone Cancer Centre Appeal has officially closed – and fundraisers have been thanked for successfully hitting the momentous £500,000 target.**

Supporters have raised the staggering sum, which contributed to building the new tumour unit which makes up part of the new £15.1million theatre and ward development which opened over the summer.

The funds were raised in a number of ways, from people running the London Marathon to donations on the hospital's Just Giving page.

The hospital's League of Friends also raised a remarkable £150,000 towards the total.

Any donations that come in from now will be gratefully received and put in a designated tumour unit fund in the hospital's general charity for the benefit of bone cancer patients.

Chief executive Mark Brandreth said: "The tumour unit is one of five that deals with bone cancer surgery in the UK. A diagnosis can literally change somebody's life.

"Thanks to the support from our fundraisers, that change for our patients can be treated with the highest quality care in state-of-the-art facilities.

"I've spoken to patients who have been treated at the unit and they are full of praise for the care they receive. This wouldn't be possible without the fundraisers, so I give them my heartfelt thanks."

Consultants Paul Cool and Gillian Cribb head up the tumour unit and said the support has been overwhelming.



Chief executive Mark Brandreth, consultant Paul Cool, clinical support worker Rhiannon Sarson, pathway coordinator Ellen Harrison, specialist nurse Caroline Pemberton, specialist nurse Jane Evans and consultant Gillian Cribb spell out their thank-yous

## NEWS IN BRIEF

### Life-saving plans for busy route

A COMMUNITY living along the congested A483 near Oswestry is being urged to come up with fundraising ideas for three life-saving defibrillators along its route.

Pant and Llanymynech Parish Councillor Dilys Gaskill is asking for villagers to submit ideas to raise money for three devices that give a high-energy electric shock to the heart through the chest wall to someone who is in cardiac arrest.

She said: "We are living along the route of a very busy road so we thought we would try to get one defibrillator in Pant, another at the Cross Guns public house and one at Llanymynech Village Hall where a lot of keep fit goes on and there is a playing field and tennis etc."

Anyone who would like to help is urged to go along to a meeting at Pant Institute on Thursday, next week at 7.30pm.

Cllr Gaskill is calling for a bypass for Llanymynech and Pant on the A483.

### Conduct hearing is to take place

A COUNCILLOR'S conduct is being investigated, it has emerged.

Councillor Joyce Barrow will go before a standards committee on Monday.

Bosses at Shropshire Council said they were unable to comment on the nature of the complaint against Councillor Barrow.

Claire Porter, Shropshire Council's corporate head of legal and democratic services, said: "The Standard Sub Committee will be meeting on November 14 and will be considering a code of conduct complaint, however the council cannot comment at this time due to the risk that the process may be compromised."

Councillor Barrow is also unable to comment.

The councillor represents the St Oswald division on Shropshire Council which includes several villages around the Oswestry area.

### Taster day at school

ADCOTE School at Little Ness near Oswestry is holding a sixth form taster day to give prospective and present pupils a flavour of subjects on offer at the all-girls school.

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The oak tree

# Mother in cemetery tree tribute bid

A MOTHER is campaigning to make a lasting tribute out of the trunk of a 700-year-old oak tree that has stood in the centre of a cemetery.

Jenny Robinson Hardy aims to commission a sculptor to create a sculpture carved from the trunk of the oak to take pride of place in the cemetery in Welshpool for future generations to admire.

Mrs Robinson-Hardy said: "This beautiful 700-year old oak tree in Maesygwasted Cemetery in Welshpool has been sheltering our dearly beloved that are laid to rest there including my baby daughter Poppy."

"Sadly, the tree was felled and I have been informed that he is going to be chopped up and sold for firewood."

"So I created a Facebook group

with the intention of raising awareness, support and funds, to purchase the trunk from the contractor. I want to commission a sculptor to create a fitting tribute to be placed back into the cemetery for future generations of the family members of the departed to admire."

Mrs Robinson-Hardy has drummed up a lot of community support for her plan which also

has the backing of Welshpool Town Council.

A tree survey found that the amount of live wood in the trunk was below safety limits.

Councillor John Powell, cabinet member for cemeteries, said the decision to fell the tree had not been taken lightly but the council has a duty to ensure anyone who visits cemeteries in the town is kept safe.

# AM voices frustration over broadband link-up wait

Report by Naomi Penrose

MONTGOMERYSHIRE Assembly Member Russell George has led a debate in the National Assembly for Wales urging the Welsh Government to honour its promise to deliver universal broadband.

Mr George, has been a vocal advocate for the rollout of high speed broadband and improved mobile coverage across Mid Wales.

Speaking after the debate in the Senedd, during which he criticised the Welsh Government's failure to honour its commitment to deliver universal access to superfast broadband by 2015, Mr George said: "I was pleased

to lead a debate in the Senedd to highlight the lack of fast and reliable broadband which I and many people in Montgomeryshire face."

"In spite of the Welsh Government's positive aim of delivering universal access to fibre broadband by 2015, I and many others remain frustrated that we are still waiting for improvements to reach us."

The Assembly Member added: "We are now in 2016 and the reality is that we are still some way off providing universal access to next generation broadband."

"This is a Welsh Government which has over-promised and under-delivered. The goalposts have been repeatedly moved, people have been fobbed off, and businesses have been unable to plan for the future."

"Welsh Government Ministers have been full of warm words and good intentions but now it is time for concrete action because hot air and empty promises won't get us very far."

"Closely collaborating with the regulator and network operators; reforming the planning system; and putting in place a mobile action plan which addresses market failure – these are some of the measures which are desperately needed to actually deliver the 21st century digital connectivity which some of our urban counterparts currently enjoy."

## Inquest told of A5 crash

THE inquest into a man who died following a crash on the A5 has been opened.

John Leslie, 75, from Hillcroft Crescent, Watford, had been travelling on the A5 at Queens Head, near Oswestry, on October 9 in a Subaru 4x4 when it was in collision with a Volkswagen Jetta travelling in the opposite direction.

The collision, which closed the road in both directions between the B4397 at Shotatton and the Mile End Roundabout for several hours, happened at just before 7.30am. Coroner John Ellery heard that Mr Leslie had been a front seat passenger in the car which was driven by his wife.

Both were flown by air ambulance to Royal Stoke University Hospital with serious injuries. They received emergency treatment at the hospital but Mr Leslie died of his injuries on October 22.

The inquest was adjourned to February 28.

## Guide praises family hotel



Pen-y-Dyffryn Country Hotel in Rhydygroesau near Oswestry

A FAMILY-run hotel has been singled out for special praise in a guide which highlights Britain's best places to stay.

Pen-y-Dyffryn, at Rhydygroesau, near Oswestry, was singled out for special mention in the 2017 edition of the Good Hotel Guide.

Pen-y-Dyffryn was praised for its gorgeous setting, "blending into the hillside" on the Welsh border.

"Miles and Audrey Hunter have run their lovely small hotel for nearly 30 years," said the guide.

"It's the sort of place that attracts and re-

tains loyal returning guests. Visitors praise the charming, helpful, friendly staff and the superb food."

Shropshire hotels included in the 2017 Good Hotel Guide also include Castle Hotel, Bishop's Castle; Old Downton Lodge, Ludlow; The Haughmond, Upton Magna; Goldstone Hall, Market Drayton; The Clive, Ludlow; Shropshire Hills, Ludlow; Grove Farm House, Shrewsbury; Lion and Pheasant, Shrewsbury and The Inn at Grinshill, Shrewsbury. Mid Wales hotels listed include The Bear, Hay-on-Wye and The Checkers, Montgomery.

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# Tributes set to be paid to those who died for country

Report by Sally Williams

**WELSHPOOL** Town Hall has joined dozens of landmarks across Wales commemorating the 100th anniversary of the Battle of the Somme by being lit up in red.

Welshpool Town Council responded to a request from the Royal British Legion head office and has bathed the building in red light to symbolise the blood shed during the battle.

Town clerk Robert Robinson said: "Welshpool Town Hall will remain bathed in poppy red for the duration of the annual Poppy Appeal. It is particularly poignant this year as we commemorate the Battle of the Somme."

"The request coincided with a council decision to change the town hall lighting system to LED in a move to save cost. So staff were quickly deployed to comply with the RBL request; we were only notified on October 20 and it was a quick turnaround but it didn't cost a lot."

"We couldn't just put red filters on as they could have caught fire."

During this year's Remembrance events, the ultimate sacrifice that a young soldier made for his country is to be honoured in his home town of Welshpool.

As the nation commemorates the Battle of the Somme Centenary, the townspeople of Welshpool will also be remembering one of its bravest sons close to their hearts, from a war much closer in time - Iraq.

On August 17, 2004, Lance Corporal Paul Thomas, 29, of the Light Infantry, was killed in an exchange of fire with insurgents in Basra. Welshpool Town Council, working with the Royal British Legion's Welshpool and District branch, will remember Mr Thomas tomorrow (Friday) at Welshpool with the laying of a wreath in his honour at his memorial at 2pm.

Town clerk Robert Robinson said: "We will be laying a wreath for Paul Thomas at the War Memorial Garden on a stone laid in his name as a lasting memorial for him."

"Later, the evening events in the Assembly Room start at 7.30pm, with doors open from 7pm. Entertainment on the evening will include music from the Porthywaen Youth and Training Band and the Border Men, plus poetry from Pat Edwards."

Tickets costing £5 are available from Welshpool Tourist Information Centre, Welshpool Town Council office and Jan's gift shop, or on the door for £6. On Sunday, a procession through the town will be led by the Newtown Youth Band, leaving Park Lane at 10.40am, and marching towards St Mary's Church where a service will be held from 10.50am. Following the service and laying of wreaths, the procession will march back to the Town Hall, where refreshments will be served.

The fundraising target in Shropshire is £470,000, which will go towards the Legion's national target of £43 million to continue its vital work delivering practical, through life care and support to the Armed Forces community.

On Sunday, remembrance parades will be held across the area.

In Oswestry Bailey Head, The Cross and Church Street will all be closed as the parade makes its way towards St Oswald's Church. There will be a wreath-laying ceremony in Gobowen.



Welshpool Town Hall bathed in red in tribute to the country's war heroes

## Bus row at crossroads

AN agreement could be reached in a cross-border wrangle over bus routes that could leave villagers stranded.

Shropshire Council's cabinet member in charge of transport, Simon Jones, said that the authority has made a funding offer to neighbouring Powys County Council to try and ensure that the X75 bus continues to pick people up in three Shropshire villages.

Councillor Jones said: "The main concern for us is Shropshire residents and ensuring they have the means to get around, and access to the X75 bus service is crucial for some. It is highly important to us that we don't allow Shropshire residents to become isolated. Officers are working hard to ensure we arrive at a resolution with Powys County Council that will benefit Shropshire residents in the long term, and we are hopeful that we will."

Last month it was revealed that without an agreement over funding the X75 bus, which runs from Rhayader in Mid Wales, through Llanidloes, Newtown, and Welshpool, before reaching its Shrewsbury destination, will stop picking up passengers at Ford, Wattleborough, and Halfway House from December. A decision had been taken by the Powys authority, which has traditionally paid for the route, meaning that it would no longer be subsidising routes for passengers outside the county.

For the last year Shropshire Council said it agreed a 'one-off' payment towards concessionary travel but that it had never subsidised the route.

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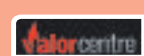
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BREEZE ABOUT TOWN

An Oswestry online petition demanding free parking in the town centre is admirable but you have to ask is it a plausible suggestion when council budgets are being slashed?

Oswestry's car parks are owned and operated by the town council or by Shropshire Council while local business people, claiming a downturn in town centre trade, are behind the petition asking for a completely fresh look at parking charges.

Car parking charges have always been a burning issue in Oswestry and there is little doubt that fewer people are coming into the town centre because of the cost.

After all they can pull-up at the door of out-of-town supermarkets without a charge to do the weekly shop.

The dilemma is that revenue from car parks helps keep council tax costs down and while the shop keepers might be happy to see free parking I doubt residents would be willing to fork out more cash to see bulging car parks.

The other thing to consider is that our car parks would probably be full of all-day parkers who live or work in the town centre. So there would be very little space left for those wanting to go to the shops anyway.

Things will get worse for the town centre if the Shrewsbury Road development ever gets re-started.

It's proving to be a "good year" for Lindstrand Technologies, the company owned and run in Oswestry by world-renowned balloonist Per Lindstrand.

The company has already doubled its workforce from 20 to 40 this year and now 10 more jobs are on the way after Good-year engaged Mr Lindstrand's team to create the world's largest inflatable fabric building as a hanger for an ambitious airship Wingfoot Three operation in Long Beach California.

It's great to think that this ingenious idea was hatched in Oswestry and will be developed by Oswestry people, using air cell technology that can be manufactured completely off-site and installed in just a night.

This quiet and unassuming man could well go down in history as one of the town's most famous men.

With the first signs of winter already here lots of us have been spending more time in front of the television at the weekend and subjected to celebrity dancing and the awful antics of X-Factor. And now it's the turn of a group of C-listers to take to the screen in "I'm A Celebrity, Get Me Out Of Here."

Thank goodness I've got Jeffrey Archer's final instalment of the Clifton Chronicles - "This Was A Man" - to read. TV off I think.



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North Wales's stunning countryside is a major reason why the area is a hit with tourists

# Beautiful Wales is one of the top tourist hotspots

The beauty of North Wales continues to be a huge draw say travel experts. SALLY WILLIAMS reports

IT'S one of the most picturesque areas in the world - and now it's seen off competition from across the globe in a travel guide.

Home to the Pistyll Rhœadr waterfall, the Pontcysyllte aqueduct and miles of beautiful coastline, North Wales has been named as one of the top 10 regions in the world by Lonely Planet.

North Wales where the mountains, woods and waterfalls of Snowdonia stretch down to miles of unspoilt sandy coastlines came fourth.

It was behind Choquequirao, in Peru, The Azores, Portugal and Taranaki, in New Zealand in the influential list published by Lonely Planet.

## Competition

It saw off competition from surf capital south Australia and the idyllic islands of French Polynesia.

Tom Hall, from Lonely Planet, said: "We included North Wales in this year's list of top 10 regions because it deserves to be recognised on the global stage.

"It's a stunning area with a vast array of activities on offer to keep travellers entertained.

"North Wales has also become a haunt of in-the-know foodies, so however visitors get their kicks, once they've worked up an appetite, they'll also be well catered for.

"North Wales is a gem and should be on every traveller's radar."

The recognition in the travel guide comes after the 2016 Year of Adventure



The Pontcysyllte aqueduct is a well known landmark in North Wales

campaign to promote tourism across the nation.

The travel guide company has published its list of the top places to visit in 2017 with Canada crowned the most

desirable spot, followed by Colombia. For best value Nepal tops the list while the opportunity for adventure travel in North Wales places it high on the best regions list.

Published every October, the list predicts the hottest trends, destinations and experiences, highlighting the top ten countries, cities, regions and best value destinations for the months ahead.

WORKING FOR YOU



In May the Roads Minister Andrew Jones MP visited North Shropshire to see for himself the dire state of the A5 and to assess the proposal to build a bypass round Pant and Llanyrnach on the A483. It was very constructive with representatives of every part of the community turning out with helpful supportive evidence. I want to ensure that the new team at the Department for Transport understand the details of this campaign, as the misery caused by accidents needs to end. Last week I met the Transport minister John Hayes MP, to update him on my long running campaign to dual the whole of the A5 and build a Pant/Llanyrnach Bypass.

The information provided by West Mercia Police is shocking. There have been almost 1,500 casualties on the A5 in the last 25 years, 49 of which were fatal and these casualties disproportionately affect my constituents as almost half of those involved in an accident were from the local area. The estimated total cost to the public purse is a staggering £172.8 million. Last month alone saw multiple injuries, including a young girl hospitalised, from a number of crashes. There has already been another death since the Minister came to visit in May. Accidents will decrease if we dual the A5, as dualled roads are statistically safer than single track. Dangerous accidents, along with unpredictable and debilitating traffic, are affecting local businesses. A good road network is vital to any economy; improvements must be made.

The Minister has agreed to visit in February as the Government is looking into small projects that have a great impact on local economies. It is unprecedented for two transport ministers to visit within one year and John Hayes's experience as an MP for a rural seat stands us in good stead.

The second Road Investment Strategy, known as RIS 2, covers investment in England's motorways and major roads. RIS 2 is still in its first research phase but a decision phase is to begin next spring.

My staff met with Highways England last week and I will be meeting their Divisional Director for Strategy and Planning in the coming weeks to press them further on their upcoming strategy, which will involve projects both large and small.

The Pant/Llanyrnach Bypass has been a difficult conundrum to fix as it is a strategic Welsh road yet the danger and the cost fall in England. John Hayes is aware of this and he is open-minded when it comes to finding a solution. Highways England are meeting the Welsh Government this week to continue discussions.

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North Shropshire MP

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## MY FRIEND'S PARTNER IS BULLYING HER. IS THIS CLASSIFIED AS DOMESTIC ABUSE?

**Q:** I am very concerned that my friend is being controlled and bullied by her partner, especially as she can't see what he is doing to her. Am I right in thinking that non-physical abuse is taken just as seriously as physical abuse these days?

**A:** The cross Government definition of domestic violence and abuse is: "Any incident of controlling, coercive, threatening behaviour, violence or abuse between those aged 16 or over who are, or have been intimate partners or family members regardless of gender or sexuality. The abuse can encompass, but is not limited to: psychological, physical, sexual, financial, emotional abuse."

Controlling behaviour is a range of acts designed to make a person subordinate and/or dependent by isolating them from sources of support, exploring their resources and capacities for personal gain, depriving them of the means needed for independence, resistance and escape and regulating their everyday behaviour. Coercive behaviour is an act or pattern of acts of assaults, threats, humiliation and intimidation or other abuse that is used to harm, punish or frighten their victim.

Whatever form it takes, domestic abuse is rarely a one-off incident and typically involves a pattern of abusive and controlling behaviour that worsens over time. Domestic abuse occurs right across society, regardless of age, gender, race, sexuality, wealth, and geography, although statistics show the violence is mainly by men against women. Children are also affected and there is a strong correlation between domestic violence and child abuse.

Police are aware of non-physical domestic violence and should take complaints seriously. There are injunctions you can apply for and protection your friend can obtain, both for her and any children of the family. It is also worth mentioning that Legal Aid is available for family cases involving domestic abuse. Your friend should see a family solicitor as soon as possible.

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# Disadvantages of Brexit will become clear

AS a Remain voter I fear for some of the problems we will probably face during our negotiations with the EU.

Firstly, the contention that the UK market is too important for the EU to abandon and they will be forced to give us a good deal. The trade statistics are that 44 per cent of our trade is with the EU whilst only 18 per cent of the EU trade is with us – it is far easier for them to say goodbye to us.

Outside the EU we would probably have a minimum 10 per cent tariff on exports which would not only harm our trade but result in the departure to Europe of many global companies such as Nissan, Toyota,

Honda, Vauxhall, Tata, AstraZeneca, etc.

If we do manage to stay in the European Economic Area (EEA), the EU will insist on free movement of labour as they have done with Norway and Switzerland. This will not please the racist element of Brexit.

If we do come out of the EEA all the finance companies based in London will lose the ability to sell services in Europe. These companies will be forced to move to Europe, depriving us of most of their revenues (around 74 per cent of our GDP). Frankfurt is already queuing up to replace London as the European finance hub. We are already losing part of the £1 billion pa provided for

European research centres based in the UK such, with the resulting loss in expertise and jobs.

Many industries in danger of losing migrant labour (agricultural, hospitality, care homes, services, building etc) are worried by the resultant increase in costs with the strawberry industry as an example of one planning to move to Spain. If we leave the EU, Scotland and Northern Ireland who voted Remain will attempt to leave the UK for the EU (and Northern Ireland could become part of a unified Ireland).

**JDM CHADWICK**  
Horsehay

## Memorial gates remember town's sacrifices



The Park Memorial Gates at Oswestry. These war memorial gates at Cae Glas Park were unveiled by two Oswestry Victoria Cross heroes of the Great War, John Campbell and Harold Whitfield, and also by Major Parker Leighton, on December 27, 1921. Picture courtesy of Nigel Walters of St Martins.

## Consultants must show commitment to benefit the NHS

I TOTALLY disagree with the concept of disclosing the income that consultants get from private patients.

I do agree, that the NHS provides good value for us all. For me, that would mean that the consultant totally and fully gives the service to the NHS that he/she has agreed in their contracts, that the hours, are to the advantage of the NHS and the patients. That the hospital facilities are available, at all times, to the NHS, rather than allowing a consultant to 'squeeze in' a private procedure, while NHS patients wait.

Consultants, themselves, should do the work, not a locum. If the consultant is really ill, then that would be a legitimate reason to call in cover. If you want the process to be transparent, then publish these contracts and annually show that they are fulfilled, or even exceeded.

We don't need to know how much the NHS is paying each consultant. As is often said: "What price a life."

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## A mistake to cut defences

SO our military bases are to be sold off to benefit big developers, as disarmament continues and defences are reduced.

Meanwhile, Donald Trump says, if elected, he will reverse US defence cuts, while Russia and China build up their armed forces everywhere.

Are we really doing the right thing, to destroy our military capability, as the rest of the major powers build theirs up?

**W F KERSWELL**  
Picklescott  
Church Stretton

## Give Mr Corbyn a chance to show what he can do

AFTER the long awaited re-election of Jeremy Corbyn, there are still those Labour members who wish to see him ousted from the Labour Party.

Why can't they give the man a chance to prove himself?

I myself see in Mr Corbyn a man of integrity, respect and compassion, someone committed to his cause.

However, this is somewhat of a dilemma for him, he is just too nice and his moral standing is not seen as something some members of the Labour Party wish to see in their leader.

I am fed up with politicians who are arrogant and pompous and shout rather than talk, Mr Corbyn is nothing like this.

Politics is full of people who are devious, immoral and selfish, many having their own interests at heart, and not the electorate who vote for them.

If more politicians had some of the qualities Mr Corbyn has, the world would be a much better place in which to live.

**PEARL DUNBAR**  
Shrewsbury

## Letters

## We all need to fight for our vital health services in area

IT should come as no surprise to the people of Telford that an unidentified and unelected panel of so called experts have decided that Shrewsbury has the socio-democratic preference in terms of being the home of emergency medicine in the county.

When the financial projections demonstrated that Telford would be the best value for money the criteria was changed to present a better case for the county town.

Telford is sadly blighted with an incompetent health trust that is working to its own agenda and a government funded quango in the guise of Future Fit that is clearly unfit for purpose.

Future Fit has failed miserably in other parts of the country to deliver improved coherent health services and will do so again before moving on to another unfortunate trust.

It is beyond belief that any sensible person let alone two organisations charged with bringing about better health services to an area as large and diverse as Shropshire and Mid-Wales should consider closing a new purpose built unit that cost a reported £28 million and re-building it in an area in an area that is less in need of its specialist services.

It is time for all the affected residents saddled with a trust that has no clear understanding of the desires of those it purports to represent to put aside regional disagreements and fight for what they are entitled to.

**ALAN BARNETT**  
Stirchley Park

## We should ban this programme

I WAS asked quite recently, did I watch the television programme 'Can't Pay, We'll Take It Away!'

My reply was most certainly not, I was not one bit interested in watching the least well-off being treated in such an appalling way degraded and humiliated.

This country prides itself in so-called equality, whatever that is supposed to mean.

I firmly believe that you must be a very uncaring human being to take on the job of a bailiff, being fully aware of the possible considerable problems you could be adding to, in fact making matters far worse for those unfortunate enough to be involved, of course more so where children are concerned.

I believe bailiffs, or call them what you may, (I know what I prefer to call them) should be a thing of the past. There has to be a more considerate way in which to solve people's problems.

And as for televising such personal matters it should be instantly banned. What is this country coming to?

I fortunately am not one of those whose life is being made unbearable by the threat of some moron with a big brother attitude, who makes a living out of others misery.

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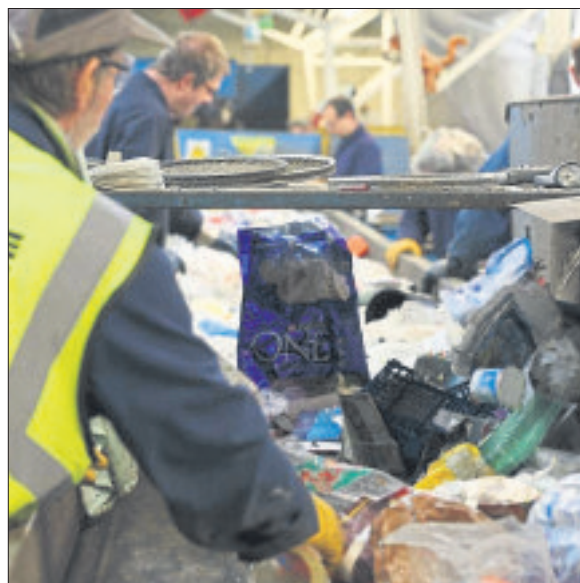
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Cae Post, a social enterprise based at Trewern near Welshpool, has been recycling pioneers for 30 years



The Cae Post staff hard at work sorting out materials

# Vital work to go on

## A PIONEER of recycling is now fighting for future work.

Cae Post is a social enterprise that first blazed a trail for recycling 30 years ago.

Since then it has helped dozens of disadvantaged people find jobs and self confidence and contributed to Powys having one of the best records for recycling.

But as celebrating its 30th birthday, it is now fighting for its future and to safeguard the 49 jobs it provides.

Based in Trewern, near Welshpool, Cae Post provides waste management and recycling services in Shrewsbury, Oswestry, Welshpool, Newtown, Llanidloes and Brecon, with strong

work placement links to the Derwen College, near Oswestry.

But the cabinet of Powys County Council has confirmed that the 15-year contract to collect recyclables and process materials at Cae Post will end on March 31.

From April, most residents in north Powys will have their kerbside recycling collected by the council.

John Harrington, chair of trustees, said the council is now moving to a different model based more on "bulk and flogging it off" rather than the specialist hand sorting of specific material groups which is achieved by Cae Post's staff.

"In the early days, we were working with

scouts in Guilsfield in a kind of Blue Peter way and the recycling of Christmas trees gave us a good profile," he said.

"We were pioneers of kerbside recycling in 2006, when we became a model for the whole of Powys.

"But we are in a different world now in which large international companies see there is money to be made out of waste, which has made it trickier for us.

"But we are still a community enterprise first and although we are disappointed that the council is not going to renew our contract we have to move on and look to other companies, large events and organisations that we could help in the recycling field or otherwise."



Cae Post has played an important role in recycling in Powys and is now looking for new opportunities to safeguard its future

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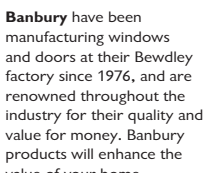
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## Santa visits will not be taking place this season

AN Oswestry festive tradition has been cancelled this year due to unforeseen circumstances.

Organisers of the annual tours of Santa Claus visiting housing estates in Oswestry and the surrounding villages have called off the popular tradition, with many local dignitaries and groups left saddened by the news.

The visits, organised by the Royal Antediluvian Order of the Buffaloes' Tavern Rawlinson Lodge, has become a festive tradition in the area, having taken place over the past decade.

They see Santa Claus ride his way around the area on a 'sleigh' accompanied with his reindeers and other volunteers.

This year's tour was due to start at the end of the month, however it has emerged visits won't be taking place and are unlikely to be held in the future.

Jonathan Jones, a member of Oswestry's Borderland Rotary Club and longstanding organiser of Oswestry's Christmas parade, said the news was a "great shame".

He said: "It is a real shame especially as they also have their own float in the parade with Father Christmas on his sleigh."

"What we do want to stress is what they do is separate to us and that the parade is most definitely happening this year."

"I want to put people's minds at ease that this will not affect the parade."

Mayor of Oswestry Councillor Paul Milner said the news was a "sad blow" for the community.

He said: "I think really I'd like to say a big thank you to the Buffaloes for not only raising so much money for charity but bringing so much joy to children and families in Oswestry."

# Campaigners working to save constituency

Report by Sally Williams

## A CAMPAIGN group has launched a plan to save the constituency of Montgomeryshire from the axe.

Save Our Montgomeryshire campaigners have revealed their own plan to submit to the Boundary Commission in a desperate bid to save the ancient constituency from being ripped apart.

The group is calling for Montgomeryshire to be retained as a constituency with no changes at all and to be merged with the whole of Radnorshire, plus the popular "book town" of Hay-on-Wye, near Brecon.

Jonathan Wilkinson, a past county chairman of NFU Cymru Montgomeryshire, revealed that the new plan would take the constituency to the required 72,000 per head of population and is a viable alternative to effectively scrapping the shire, as proposed by the Boundary Commission.

He said: "Under the commission's official plans, Montgomeryshire will be split into three, with the northern half of the constituency, including Welshpool, being merged with Clwyd South to form a new South Clwyd and North Montgomeryshire constituency. This means that strongly Welsh-speaking heartlands in the north-west of the shire will be dispersed into South Clwyd. Its plans will also confuse farmers, landowners and youngsters because all major farming organisations – such as the NFU, FUW and YFC – are based on the old shire model, which will all be diluted if it is broken up."

"We are to have our official launch on November 11 when more details will be revealed and keynote speakers will argue our case. We are a proud county and people feel strongly about this and we are waiting to hear from Radnorshire."

## Village tuning up for music festival



The Whittington International Chamber Music Festival brings top musicians to the village every year

PLANS are now far advanced for a week-long Festival of Beethoven next May in a village near Oswestry.

The event is being organised by the Whittington International Chamber Music Festival and will feature among other international artists the celebrated Elias Quartet, fresh from their international Bee-

thoven tour and their subsequent recording of the entire Quartets.

The festival will run from May 16 to May 21. Lawrence Mortimer from the festival said: "The festival may still seem quite a long way off, but we are anxious to make sure we have this year's membership of our Friends Scheme as complete as pos-

sible before Christmas, and we're asking you now to think about joining. We shall be soon sending out a Friends Newsletter with full details of our 2017 programme and the artists taking part, so why not sign up now and be part of it all?"

Visit the music festival's website for more information.

## NEWS IN BRIEF

### Consultation on college changes

A SPECIALIST college has entered into a period of consultation over a reorganisation of its services.

Officials at Dervon College near Oswestry are looking at food services within the college.

Meryl Green, deputy CEO and head of education at the college, insisted "there are job opportunities for everyone going forward". She said: "Dervon College is continually working to ensure that all its services are of the highest quality and that students remain at the heart of all its decisions."

"As part of this process we are currently reviewing our food outlets with the aim of improving the learning experience for our students and enhancing the customer experience for everyone. We plan to improve our eating environments, refresh our menus and make our opening times suit our customers better."

"We have entered into a period of consultation with staff working in these areas and can confirm that there are job opportunities for everyone going forward."

### Crews called to kitchen fire alert

FIREFIGHTERS attended a fire in the kitchen of a house after a fridge caught light.

The fire was reported at about 4.10pm on Wednesday last week at a home in Penylan View, Coed Y Go near Oswestry.

Two crews from Oswestry attended the scene, as well as an operations officer.

However the blaze was out on their arrival.

The crews used a thermal imaging camera, and also removed the fridge from the property.

The firefighters were able to leave the scene shortly after 4.30pm.



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## NEWS IN BRIEF

### Review your rates, businesses told

BUSINESSES in Powys are being urged to review the draft rateable value of their property by the end of November.

The Valuation Office Agency (VOA) has completed the revaluation of rateable values and published the draft rateable values online.

Businesses can check their draft rateable value online at [www.gov.uk/voa/revaluation](http://www.gov.uk/voa/revaluation). If the information held about the property is incorrect, businesses should inform the VOA by November 30. Cllr Wynne Jones, Powys County Council's cabinet member for finance, said: "The VOA is responsible for assessing all rateable values across Wales and England. The revaluation of rateable values reflects changes in the property market across Wales and England since 2008. It is important that businesses check their draft rateable value and let the VOA know if the information held about your property is incorrect."

### Pub signs talk brings in crowd

THERE was the usual large turnout for the National Association of Decorative and Fine Arts Societies meeting on October 27 in Welshpool.

More than 60 members and visitors heard a light-hearted and entertaining talk by Joun Ericson, whose topic was pub signs, their history and art work.

This month's meeting is on November 24 at 2.30pm at The Royal Oak Hotel, Welshpool. The speaker is James Taylor, who will be talking about the forgotten art of humorous British postcards between 1909-1938.

Non-members are welcome to attend, though a donation of £5 is requested towards costs.

For more information email [avril@avrilhart.com](mailto:avril@avrilhart.com) or telephone (01938) 555938.

# Assurances are given on future of rail services

Report by Sally Williams

**AN hourly rail service running seven days a week could be introduced between Shropshire and Mid Wales under a new franchise, it has been claimed.**

Passengers have been assured that plans to devolve the Wales and Borders rail franchise will include existing cross-border services and there are now hopes for the hourly seven day service.

The Welsh Government said it had "reached an understanding" with the UK Department for Transport that the current Wales and Borders franchise map will remain intact. Its spokesman added there were also opportunities for operating new routes to Bristol and Liverpool "if train paths can be secured". The Shrewsbury Aberystwyth Rail Liaison Committee welcomed the assurance for services to continue through to Birmingham and London and said it was working towards securing more trains, more often.

Welshpool Town Clerk Robert Robinson, secretary of the liaison committee, said: "The Welsh Government has now confirmed that the Welsh Rail Franchise will remain intact as it is now and that includes all cross-border services."

"This statement has been issued as there have been rumours going around that the cross-border services may not continue. For some time now the committee has worked to gain more frequent rail services and in May 2015, this came to fruition. There are also other improvements to the line in which the committee has been involved. Now work starts to try and gain the extra trains needed to provide a full hourly service, seven days a week."

## Student has key role in steering group



Elizabeth Bailey during a recent visit to Whitehall as part of her new role

A UNIVERSITY of Wolverhampton student will be influencing Government policies around learning disabilities as part of a national steering group.

Elizabeth Bailey from Welshpool has been chosen as the England student representative on the Strengthening the Commitment steering group, a review to modernise UK learning disability nursing.

The 27-year-old is in her second year of a B(Nurs) Learning Disability Nursing degree at the faculty of education, health and wellbeing.

Elizabeth had her first meeting in the role when she attended a meeting in Whitehall with Ben Thomas, mental health, learning disabilities and dementia professional officer at the Department of Health, and others to discuss this UK wide strategy. Elizabeth said: "I am very proud and honoured to have been chosen from all of the applications to be part of the Strengthening the Commitment steering group. I feel that I will learn a great amount from this opportunity and it will be a great privilege to influence policies that will improve the service provided to people with a learning disability."

She will hold the post for two years.

## Dessert gives Ffion taste of success

A PASTRY chef has won a medal at a worldwide award for her dessert.

Ffion Lewis, pastry chef at the Nag's Head, Garthmyl, near Welshpool, wowed judges at the World Culinary Championships in Germany with her spiced Granny Smith apple and frangipani cake.

She won a silver medal in the championships. Arwyn Watkins, Culinary Association of Wales president said: "Ffion's dessert was the talk of the jury on the first day of the competition."

"She was complimented by the judges who said the dessert was literally the star of the show."

"I was disappointed that the junior team didn't win a gold medal because the feedback from the jury was all positive. However, to achieve a silver medal at the Culinary Olympics is a fantastic achievement."

Danielle Thomas, general manager of the Nag's Head, congratulated Ffion on her success. She said the business recently changed hands and among the changes are new touches to the restaurant including plush new mirrors and a state of the art ice cream making machine.

## Customers are thanked for help

CUSTOMERS of a building society have been thanked for fundraising efforts.

Yorkshire Building Society said customers in Welshpool raised £933 towards the national target of £1 million since the start of the campaign in 2014.

Katie Jones, spokesperson, said: "By supporting our Hour of Need campaign for the past two years the community here in Welshpool has helped to provide nursing care for more people."

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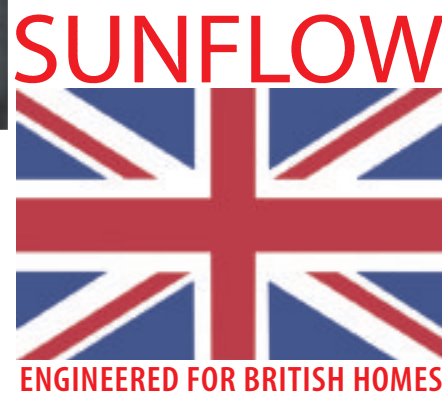
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## Fair will tell of job opportunities

JOB hunters and people interested in volunteering are being invited to a fair.

The event, which will be held at The Centre, Oak Street, Oswestry on November 24, will see Job Centre Plus and local businesses share the current work opportunities they have to offer. At the event there will also be a chance to speak to the businesses direct and find out more about the business and what the role entails.

Supported by Qube, the fair will also host groups looking to recruit volunteers. There will be information on training opportunities from a wide range of organisations including local education providers, giving people the chance to find out what they can do to make themselves more employable.

Benefits advisors will be on hand to provide information on how training or volunteering would affect your benefits, or calculate how much better off you would be in work.

The event will be held from 10am until 2pm.

## Young farmers to stage concert

YOUNG farmers are organising a community carol concert in the run-up to the festive season to raise funds for charity.

Guildsfield Young Farmers Club have organised the concert to take place in the week before Christmas to raise money for Montgomeryshire Emergency Doctors.

The 'night of festive song and cheer' will take place from 6.30pm on December 18.

Entry will cost £5 per family, including refreshments.

There will also be a 'decorate the Christmas tree' competition at £5 per go with businesses and organisations also invited to join take part. Guildsfield WI won the competition last year.

For more information email guildsfieldyoungfarmers@hotmail.co.uk

# Nurse Cristina's work is recognised by award

Report by Naomi Penrose

**A DEMENTIA unit boss who says that one of the greatest rewards of her job is to hear the praise of residents' relatives for the care they are receiving has struck silver in major national awards.**

Romanian-born Cristina Poama, who lives in Welshpool, is a trained nurse who has been head of the Memory Lane dementia unit at Rhallt Care Home in the town since earlier this year.

She often goes above and beyond the call of duty to ensure that the standard of care provided is of the highest level and says she always tries to lead her team of over 25 staff by personal example.

It is this dedicated approach to her caring role that won Cristina silver in the Nurse of the Year category, sponsored by Ontex UK, in the 2016 Wales Care Awards, known as the Oscars of social care, at City Hall, Cardiff.

Cristina, 41, is originally from a town near the Romanian capital of Bucharest.

She said: "I often go beyond my contracted hours simply because I love my job."

"Another of my responsibilities is staff training and mentoring but I believe that however much you try to teach people about their job, none of it matters if they don't have a passion for it."

"My aim is to do as much as possible for our residents and to try to make a real difference to their lives."

Cristina, who has been married to husband Mario, 45, for the past 12 years, added: "For me the home isn't just a place of work because I love my job."

"One of my greatest rewards is have a relative thank me for what we do for their mother or father and tell me that they couldn't be in a better place."



The dedication of Cristina Poama to her patients has been recognised by the presentation of an award

## AM speaks up for more air show funding

ANASSEMBLY Member has provided his backing to the Welshpool Air Show which is celebrating its 10th anniversary next June.

Russell George, Assembly Member for Montgomeryshire, showed his support for the show by asking the First Minister to add his weight to the organisers' bid for funding and logistical support to ensure that the event continues to grow.

After raising the matter with Carwyn Jones AM in the Senedd, Mr George said: "The show, which is now held in memory of the late Bob Jones, the founder of Mid Wales Airport, is rapidly becoming a major event in Montgomeryshire, and has previously played host to the Red Arrows, RAF Falcons parachute display team, Battle of Britain Memorial Flight and a Typhoon."

The Montgomeryshire Assembly Member added: "I was delighted to be able to highlight the success of this event with the First Minister, Carwyn Jones, and I was pleased that as a result of my question, he confirmed that he was aware of the bid for grant funding which has been submitted by the organisers."

## Civic society is set to meet up

IAN Harvey, executive director for Civic Voice, will be speaking to members of the Oswestry and District Civic Society on Thursday next week.

Mr Harvey will be discussing the challenges the civic movement may face in the future and how civic societies can attract new audiences for years to come.

Civic Voice is the national organisation providing a forum and umbrella for civic and amenity societies.

The meeting starts at 7pm for 7.30pm at the Parish Centre on Broadwalk, Oswestry.

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# Historic country house for sale as owners move on



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Llandyn Hall, Llangollen Road, Llangollen, which has an asking price of £650,000, was renovated extensively in 2011 by the current owners, Huw and Amanda Thomas, who have created a beautiful home for themselves and their three children.

Part of the house originates from late 1600s with many later additions including one whole

section from 1897. Lord Harlech sold the property in the 1940s and Huw has researched the history of Llandyn Hall in detail at the National Library of Wales, Aberystwyth.

Sitting in 1.2 acres of mature gardens with stunning, panoramic views of the Vale of Llangollen, this period country residence offers characterful and homely accommodation. Having spent seven months gutting and completely renovating Llandyn Hall and five-and-a-half years living there, Amanda admits it's going to

be heartbreaking to leave. "It genuinely feels as if we have been on holiday here, even though we have been totally involved in our work and the local community," she said. "We feel so lucky to have lived in an incredible property with a lovely lifestyle, lots of space to bring up the children and peacefulness after living in London."

"Now it's about doing the right thing for us as a family. We have always wanted to live by the sea, so we are moving to Penarth and if we

can recreate a fraction of what we have here in our new home, I will be delighted." Amanda said the possibilities for prospective buyers were huge, particularly for those interested in developing a holiday business. "Whoever buys Llandyn Hall can turn up on the first day, light a fire and relax knowing that there is nothing to do apart from enjoy, because all the work has been done," she added.

Viewing is by appointment with Halls' Oswestry office on (01691) 670320.



There are panoramic views to enjoy for the new owners

## Baby death sparks action from coroner

HOSPITAL chiefs have been told by a coroner to make improvements after a four-month-old collapsed and died following complications at birth.

Ivy Morris died at the Royal Shrewsbury Hospital in May after collapsing during a feed at the family home in Oswestry while suffering from bronchopneumonia.

Her inquest heard that errors during her birth including monitoring the wrong heartbeat and a delayed second stage of labour meant she suffered from severe perinatal hypoxic ischaemic brain damage. Ivy was born in December at Princess Royal Hospital in Telford with life limiting needs after suffering from hypoxia – a lack of oxygen reaching the tissue. Coroner John Ellery has now written to Simon Wright, chief executive of Shrewsbury and Telford Hospital Trust, outlining three areas of concern.

He said: "Ivy's foetal heart rate ought to have been monitored and was not monitored. In the second stage of labour the maternal heart rate was recorded on the external CTG machine for the majority of (if not all) the time when the intent was to monitor the foetal heart rate. The confounding factor was the similarity of the heart rates at the commencement of the second stage. There were opportunities and methodologies available to resolve this issue that were not taken. There was evidence of potential error of this kind in the interpretation of CTG traces being a known phenomenon."

The coroner also expressed concerns about the failure to follow midwifery guidelines surrounding verifying the CTG readings and getting obstetric opinions during labour. He also said midwives wanting support to perform procedures during labour could lead to delays.

## Man cleared of order breach

A MAN has been cleared of breaching a restraining order not to contact his ex – after claiming his damaged phone rang her by accident.

Frances Brian Cooper, 44, said that as he ended a call with a recruitment firm his phone rang the number of Samantha Jones.

He was shocked and in a panic ended the call by hitting the screen – but must have accidentally called her again.

A few days later his former partner received a Face Time call from his number.

Cooper, then of Bradley Road in Wrexham but now living care of The Hand Hotel in Chirk, near Oswestry, told how he had ended another call and put his iPhone in his back pocket.

Cooper told Flintshire Magistrates Court at Mold that when it happened the first time he deleted his former partner's number.

But the Face Time call had been made accidentally from the calls history, he explained.

The court heard that Miss Jones and the defendant had an eight month relationship but it ended and she began another relationship.

A restraining order was made at Wrexham Magistrates Court on September 14 after Cooper had admitted damaging her car.

## Plans are given the go-ahead

A PETROL station and convenience store will be built on an industrial estate, planners have ruled.

The plans, lodged by Tuffins, are for a petrol station, store and offices at Butington Cross, Welshpool.

Powys County Council has given consent for the plans, after Welshpool Town Council last year opposed them.

They were withdrawn following a presentation to the local authority. Earlier this year the town authority objected again because they said the scheme is on land designated for industrial use and outside the shopping zone set out in the town plan.

However, Powys County Council has now backed the plans based on the developers carrying out several conditions before work is able to start.

The shopping zone was set up to avoid any out-of-town developments taking trade from the town centre, but it exempts Coed y Dinas and the Old Station building.

# Celebrations mark official opening of restored line



An engine travels along the extended railway line at Oswestry



Guard Clive Roberts signals the train off on the restored line at Oswestry

### Report by Naomi Penrose

THE official opening of a restored section of Oswestry's railway line was marked at the weekend.

The opening was marked through train rides on the restored section and through displays on the history of the railway and information about the long term plans to reopen the line as far as Gobowen to the north and to Llanymynech to the south.

The official opening of the restored section by Oswestry Mayor Paul Milner took place on the 50th anniversary of the last train to pull out of the once busy station.

Volunteers from the Cambrian Heritage Railways have been working for decades to reopen the line as a tourist route.

The restored section runs from the Victorian station in Oswald Road, past Coney Green to the gasworks bridge.

Thanks to a link-up with Shropshire Council, a new footpath also runs alongside the line.

As part of the celebration, the railway and station was open to the public on Saturday and Sunday.

A steam locomotive took passengers along the newly-opened track and 1960s memorabilia, a transport display and more, were also on show.

In the short term volunteers are reopening the line as far as Weston Wharf on the edge of Oswestry to link up with the Stonehouse Brewery and other businesses.

Part of the funding for the rail project will be met through regular events such as the forthcoming Santa Trains in the run-up to Christmas.

Santa Trains will run from Cambrian Heritage Railways' bases at Oswestry and at Llyncllys.

For more information on the Santa Trains and to find out how to book, people can visit [www.cambrianrailways.com](http://www.cambrianrailways.com)



It's green for go from guard Clive Roberts



With items from 50 years ago on display is trustee Roger Date. Photos: David Hamilton.



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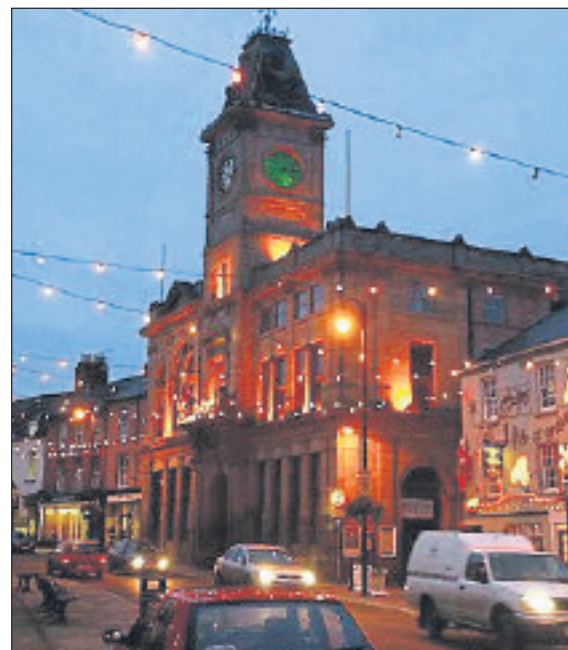
With Christmas fast approaching, towns and cities up and down the country are getting ready for the festive season.

The town of Welshpool is no different and plans are already in place for another superb Christmas time. The switching-on of the town's Christmas lights will take place on Friday, December 2. One of the biggest events in the area around the festive season is the Welshpool Winter Festival. This year the festival takes place on Saturday, December 3.

As you would expect the town centre festival is jam packed with activities and attractions for people of all ages. One of the main attractions which proved popular in recent years is a traditional Christmas street market, giving visitors a chance to pick up and browse through some great festive gift ideas.

And to add to the festive spirit, there will be entertainment put on throughout the day and throughout the town. Among the groups taking part in the Winter Festival is the Montgomeryshire Wildlife Trust.

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Visiting Welshpool Winter Festival on Saturday, December 3, will also give people a chance to enjoy everything the town has to offer.

It is well known for its good mix of small independent shops which sit alongside larger chain store and supermarkets. The friendly welcome you will receive when you visit Welshpool is the main reason visitors come back again and again. The town and the surrounding area has many pubs and high quality restaurants.

Sitting near the border of England and Wales, the town has an interesting history. In English it was initially known as Pool but its name was changed to Welshpool in 1835 to distinguish it from the English town of Poole. One of its biggest draws is the majestic Powis Castle and its beautiful estate. The seat of the Earl of Powis, the castle is known for its extensive, attractive formal gardens, terraces, parkland, deer park and landscaped estate.

The property is under the care of the National Trust. Princess Victoria – later Queen Victoria – visited the castle as a child when her mother took her to tour England and Wales in 1832.



Powis Castle is a great place to visit at any time of the year

The castle always likes to get involved in festive fun and this year is no different with plenty of activities in the run-up to Christmas.

Another of the town's many attractions is the Welshpool and Llanfair Light Railway. The light railway once ran through the town to the Cambrian Line railway station.

The railways is a great place to visit at any time of the year but is extra special in the run-up to Christmas. A ride on the Santa Train on the railway has proved so popular in past years that an extra day has been added this year. The Santa Trains run on the weekend of December 10-11 and also on December 17-19.

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## Curtain set to rise on performance

THE finishing touches are being put to an amateur dramatic performance. Guilsfield ADS will perform Ladies Day over five nights.

The comedy, by Amanda Whittington, will be performed from 7.30pm on November 17, 18, 24, 25 and 26.

It tells the story of an ill assorted quartet of fish packers from Hull rubbing shoulders with the rich and famous at Royal Ascot when it moved to York. They all bring baggage and issues to pour out as the drink flows and their relationships new and old are exposed for all to see.

Tickets are available at guilsfieldads.net/tickets.html and also from Welshpool Jewellers and Costcutter in Guilsfield, or from members of the cast.

Adults are priced at £7.50, with pensioners £6, and under 14s £5.

## Circular walk is awaiting ramblers

THE next Welshpool Ramblers walk will be on Sunday and will see Heather Smith lead a walk in the Pontesbury area.

The circular route of about nine miles will include woodland, fields and Pontesford and Earl's Hills.

It will be a moderate walk with one steep ascent.

All are welcome, but no dogs on the walk.

People should meet at 9.30am in the car park beside the Welshpool Tourist Centre (OS grid ref SJ 225075), from where transport may be available, or alternatively at the start of the walk in the car park at the foot of Pontesford Hill (OS grid ref Ref: SJ 409057) for a 10.15am start. Further information can be obtained on (01691) 656541.

On October 30 the Welshpool Ramblers walk was a circular one starting and finishing in the centre of Welshpool.

Van Evans led 12 walkers on a route along the canal footpath to the Belan locks and the Belan Chapel.

# Recruitment day at hospital set to offer career opportunities

**REGISTERED nurses are being invited to Oswestry Orthopaedic Hospital for a recruitment day that could see them going home with a new job.**

The event will give newly qualified and experienced nurses the chance to tour the different wards and departments, be interviewed for posts and even accept job offers on the same day.

Visiting nurses can meet with different teams. Staff nurse posts, ward and theatre posts are among the many opportunities currently on offer.

Bev Tabernacle, director of nursing, is keen to see as many nurses as possible on the day, which will be held on November 20 from 10am to 2pm.

She said: "This is a fantastic place to be a nurse."

"We're looking for experienced or newly qualified nurses to join our teams - we have a fantastic support framework for these nurses to support development and progression."

"We want nurses who show compassion and exhibit the behaviours which will enable them to deliver excellent care to our patients."

"Full and part-time posts are available, we can also offer rotational posts to widen the experience of those nurses who may want to work with us."

"We advertise roles in the usual way on our NHS Jobs page all the time, but we wanted to meet as many nurses as possible through the day, and provide them with an offer of employment following assessment on the day through the 'one stop shop' day."

"This is the perfect way to invite people in and give them a taste of what's on offer."

"We want to show nurses how great it is to work here and let them see for themselves how we maintain a high level of patient care."



Some of the team at the orthopaedic hospital involved in the open day

Sue Pryce, deputy director of human resources said: "The service the hospital provides is growing rapidly."

"We want enthusiastic, skilled nurses to fill the roles that are now appearing because of these expansions."

"Having a recruitment day is a great way to reach out to those candidates who could do well in the trust."

"It's also a great way of showing what we do for staff in terms of careers and education. Sometimes an

advert doesn't do it justice. However we always want to hear from potential staff, through the recruitment day or otherwise. There are always new opportunities appearing if you check the NHS Jobs page regularly."

## Man had a chainsaw in town centre

A CHAINSAW was wielded to threaten another man in a town centre, a court heard.

The chainsaw had been started up and the attacker was threatening to chop a man's head off with it.

Mold Crown Court heard that the man who was being threatened by the chainsaw was curled up outside a shop.

He was never traced but the police were alerted by a man living nearby.

The man who wielded the chainsaw was Andrew Jones who appeared via a live television link from Stoke Heath custody centre and admitted a charge of threatening a man with a chainsaw in Market Street, Llangollen.

Jones, 27, of Wern, Chirk, was jailed for nine months - to be served consecutively to a four and a half year prison sentence imposed at Carlisle Crown Court for a cocaine offence.

He was warned that but for the other sentence he could have expected two years for wielding the chainsaw in dangerous circumstances when he was drunk and using it to threaten another man.

Co-defendant Michael Taylor, 27, of Sixth Avenue in Llay, near Wrexham, admitted possessing the chainsaw in Market Street after he was seen to get it out of the boot of a BMW car and try and start it about three times. He was jailed for six months.

Ceri Jones, for Jones, said it was out of character. The chainsaw was in the vehicle legitimately because he had been cutting trees at his grandfather's home. It had not been planned to take it out of the vehicle that evening.

There had been some trouble that night, nothing of a criminal nature, and in the heat of the moment he took possession of the chainsaw.

Thankfully with the assistance of friends he came to realise what he was doing and put it back in the boot.

Henry Hills, for Taylor, said that his client took possession of the chainsaw for a brief moment only. He had tried to start it unsuccessfully in what Mr Hills described as "a moment of madness."

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# Smiley Terry is the latest health hero

Report by Sue Austin

**HARD-WORKING** maintenance assistant Terry Wood has been honoured for his work at Oswestry Orthopaedic Hospital.

Mr Wood has won the latest health hero award at the hospital - after being nominated by colleagues from across the organisation.

Known as Mr Smiley, Terry is part of the team responsible for the upkeep of buildings and equipment at the Gobowen-based hospital. His commitment and friendly approach shone through in 19 nominations - a record number for this award - from staff in a wide variety of job roles.

His receiving of the October Health Hero Award was announced by chief executive Mark Brandreth at the monthly board of directors meeting.

Those who put him forward said nothing was too much trouble and that he was part of a great team.

Many commented on how he always had a smile on his face with Julie Lowe, who works on the switchboard saying: "He's so lovely and helpful at all times. He's our Mr Smiley."

Boilerman Mark Stedman added: "He's friendly and always happy to help others, both staff and patients."

"He's good at making tea."

Terry is the first member of the estates and facilities team at the hospital to win the monthly award.

Previous winners have included a healthcare assistant, a theatre nurse, a receptionist and a doctor.

He said: "I'm very grateful for the award."

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Terry Wood receives his Health Hero Award certificate from Mark Brandreth

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# Ghost hunter to travel from Down Under to castle



Founder of the Australian Paranormal Society Bill Tabone is on his way to Shropshire

PARANORMAL investigators from Australia are preparing to travel to Shropshire – in the hunt for ghosts at one of the county's most haunted spots.

Shadowy figures, unexplained noises and unpleasant smells are just some of the strange happenings that have been reported at Whittington Castle near Oswestry.

Founder of the Australian Paranormal Society Bill Tabone will travel more than 10,000 miles in the hunt for "conclusive proof" of

the spirit world when he visits the castle at Whittington next year. Members of the public will have the opportunity to join Bill and local group Paranormal Friends at the investigation.

Paranormal Friends experienced unexplained activity on two previous visits including loud noises and table tipping.

Mr Tabone said he was excited about heading to Shropshire to see what evidence he could gather.

He added that he was looking forward to



Whittington Castle near Oswestry is said to be one of the area's most haunted properties

working again with the Paranormal Friends team. He said: "I am so excited to be part of this amazing event, at such a fantastic location and to have the opportunity to work again with my great friends and paranormal family."

The fabric of the castle has been much changed over the hundreds of years since it was built, including the Elizabethan dwelling attached to the northern outer bailey gatehouse tower.

The tower keep is 12th century, and the

outer gatehouse the work of Sir Fulk Fitzwarine in the early 13th century. It is recorded that in the 1920s a death occurred in the one gatehouse tower following an accident with a cricket ball.

The investigation takes place on June 10 next year from 9pm.

Guests will have the opportunity to investigate right up until 4am the following morning – but will have to pay £35 for the privilege, organisers say.

## New homes needed for greyhounds

A GREYHOUND rescue charity is urging people to consider rehoming one of its many retired pooches.

Greyhound Rescue Shropshire and Borders say black greyhounds are the hardest to re-home and often get overlooked.

Lesley Rumney, one of the group's fosterers, said the charity currently has 15 dogs needing homes – of which 12 are black.

She said: "People seem to be attracted to other colours such as the fawn and 'blue' greyhounds. They fly out the door. "However sadly the black ones are often overlooked – it is the same situation with black cats."

"Greyhounds do come in a variety of colours but probably about 80 per cent of them are black."

This issue was highlighted by the Retired Greyhound Trust, which finds new homes for over 4,000 retired racing greyhounds every year.

Previously they said there had been a recent surge in production of black greyhounds, after a former champion racer, Top Honcho, fathered 10,411 puppies, and his progeny have gone on to produce further generations of black dogs.

Lesley said they are currently looking for a new loving home for their longest resident Rupert.

She said: "Rupert came off the track with an injury after a long racing career."

"Rupert is a very loving greyhound, adored by everyone who meets him. He loves his bed and is happy to chill out on the sofa. Rupert is happy to be left on his own so would be ideal as an only dog and he would love a secure garden where he can play with his toys."

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# Author goes back to school to spread reading message



Jon Mayhew with Ella Barnes and Cameron McNeil during his visit to Woodside School

Report by Sue Austin

**MORE than 300 primary school children created their own mythical monsters as part as a bid to get young people to read for fun.**

Woodside Primary School in Oswestry celebrated Children's Book Week with writer Jon Mayhew, author of the Monster Odyssey series.

The writer hosted a fun workshop for children from schools across the area, talking about reading and working with the young people to create mythical characters to encourage them to read for fun and develop a love of books.

New research released by BookTrust, polling 500 primary school teachers across the UK, found that more than three quarters of teachers in the Midlands, believe that children need support from school and home if they are going to become readers.

More than two in five teachers said parents should prioritise reading with their children at home.

The Venom of the Scorpion author, Jon Mayhew said: "With so many things competing for children's attention, it's great to be able to deliver workshops and talks that make children aware of what a joy reading can be and of the positive benefits it brings."

"Reading charities like BookTrust and events like Children's Book Week are essential in raising the profile of reading for pleasure both in school and at home. It's an honour to work with them."

Michael Morpurgo, one of Britain's best-loved children's story tellers, recently advocated for schools to reinstate storytime at the end of every school day to keep the joy of reading alive.

The War Horse author argued that testing in schools, whilst important, kills the joy of reading.



Jon Mayhew gives advice to Miles Price and Elouise Flavell. Photos: John Sambrooks.



Jon Mayhew chats to the youngsters



Author Jon Mayhew with Lilly Pyburn and Polly Barclay at the workshop

## Huge praise for GP surgery

A GENERAL practice has been praised by a health watchdog.

The Cambrian Surgery on Thomas Savin Road, Oswestry, has been given an overall rating of good by inspectors from the Care Quality Commission, following a visit in October. The surgery, which has more than 13,000 patients registered, was found to provide safe services overall.

Professor Steve Field, chief inspector of general practice, said: "There was an open and transparent approach to safety and an effective system in place for reporting, recording and the learning from significant events."

"Risks to patients were assessed and well-managed and full clinical audits completed. For patients on high-risk medicines and those requiring regular medicine reviews, these had been undertaken and systems were in place for medicine review monitoring."

The practice was also praised for general health and safety risk assessments having been completed, as well as having "good facilities" and being well equipped to treat patients and meet their needs.

The standard of training was also highlighted, with Professor Field stating that staff had been trained to provide them with "the skills, knowledge and experience to deliver effective care and treatment".

## Council looks for rail benefits

COUNCIL bosses have welcomed the benefits that could come into Shropshire from HS2.

Councillors responsible for transport across the county say they want to maximise the benefits that could come from a close proximity to the high-speed service and from potential improvements to the railways that could come as a result of the new connection.

It comes after it was revealed that Stafford railway station will become an "HS2 hub" linking Staffordshire and Shropshire to the £55.7 billion track, despite suggestions it could have been axed under cost savings.

Simon Jones, Shropshire Council's Cabinet member for highways and transportation, said: "Given the county's proximity to both the proposed Birmingham and Crewe hubs, Shropshire Council is actively engaged with the rail industry in looking to maximise the benefits, both economic and in terms of passenger journey times, that would result from HS2."



## Bonfire Night fun enjoyed by many

THOUSANDS around Shropshire and Mid Wales enjoyed the wonder of organised displays for Bonfire Night.

And, while fire crews had a busy weekend, there were no serious incidents linked with the annual celebration.

There were 18 call outs for Shropshire Fire Service on Saturday between 5.30pm and 10.30pm. The service said firework-related calls placed pressure on a service already dealing with routine calls.

A crew from Oswestry was called to Mount Road in the town where a tree branch had caught fire at about 9.50pm.

The most serious was a blaze that broke out in a derelict pub in the Telford area. Two crews from Tweedale and Wellington were called to the Queens Arms Inn in Dawley Bank.

## Councillors back right to buy move

COUNCILLORS have backed a move that could lead to people living in council and housing association homes in Mid Wales being stopped from buying them in future.

Powys County Council's cabinet approved a recommendation for the authority to go out to consult on a proposal to suspend the right to buy scheme for the next five years.

Councillor Rosemarie Harris, cabinet member for property buildings and housing, said the move would leave the authority "better able to address the housing needs of an ageing community".

She said none of the eight housing associations which operate in Powys have sold any homes under the scheme for the past five years.

Councillor Harris said the move was the "only option that gives the authority complete freedom to maintain, increase and improve the housing stock necessary to address a changing demand over coming years".

# New electricity line route is published by power company

**THE proposed route of a £18 million overhead power line to increase electricity capacity across North Shropshire has been published.**

The scheme will see a 132,000-volt wood pole overhead line constructed from Oswestry to Wem, providing additional capacity in the region to support business investment and new residential developments.

SP Energy Networks, which is behind the project, has now published its proposed route following public consultation.

After receiving more than 120 responses, the company has issued a newsletter to more than 2,500 local homes and businesses which includes a map of the proposed new line.

It will run between Oswestry substation, located at the A5/A495 roundabout, and Wem substation, located in Ellesmere Road on the western side of Wem.

SP Energy Networks said the proposed route takes into account the feedback received during the consultation.

Comments were received from residents in Cockshutt, including potential visual impacts in the area from property owners.

As a result of this feedback, the company has decided to follow a more southerly route which avoids greater impacts on any single property in the area.

People also commented on the potential impacts affecting the section of the line beside Hordley. Based on this feedback, SP Energy Networks has identified a preference for a new section altogether.

Mark Sobczak, head of 132kV programmes at SP Energy Networks, said: "This is one of the most significant upgrades to the electricity



The proposed line will use wooden Trident-style poles to carry the power cable through North Shropshire

network ever proposed for north Shropshire.

"We want to ensure that the network is modern, reliable and capable of supporting opportunities for future growth.

"From the comments received during the first stage of consultation, we are pleased that there was generally a

level of support for the way the process was run and most respondents considered they were given sufficient information in order to give informed feedback." SP Energy Networks plans to build the new overhead line using a wood pole Trident design – a design which it said is a tried and tested, constructed most recently for rein-

forcing the electricity distribution network between Legacy substation and Oswestry substation.

Mr Sobczak added: "We have already carried out a considerable amount of investigatory work. We will go back to speak with communities again with a stage two consultation during 2017."

## Addict mum numbers in area revealed

THERE were 21 babies born to mothers with drug addictions across Shropshire, Telford and Powys in the last two years.

Figures obtained under a Freedom of Information request show that from 2014 to the present eight pregnant women were addicted to heroin, two to cocaine, three to methadone, and one each addicted to alcohol, cannabis and ecstasy. No information was available for the others.

Shrewsbury and Telford Hospital NHS Trust provides care for pregnant women in the region. It said that the drug recorded at the point when women are first booked in at antenatal clinics may not be the substance being used by the time they give birth.

Shropshire's director of public health Professor Rod Thomson said: "We encourage sensible alcohol in line with the guidance produced by the NHS. For women thinking of becoming pregnant this is especially important.

"The use of illegal drugs in pregnancy must always be considered unsafe even in small amounts."

Previous figures show that 52 women with addictions gave birth between 2011 to 2014.

In 2013 there were 19 births by addicts, with heroin again being the most common substance. There were six mothers taking heroin, three cannabis, two methadone, one each sleeping tablets, amphetamine and benzodiazepine, and for three there was no information.

In 2012, 12 were born to mothers with heroin addictions, five to cannabis-addicted mothers, three to alcoholics and two each to mothers addicted to cocaine and methadone.

The trust has procedures in place to look after babies born to women who are addicted or dependent on drugs or alcohol and the women themselves.

Pregnant mothers known to be addicted or on a monitored drug management programme are referred to the neonatal service before giving birth and a care plan for the baby is put in place.

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# College gets gold again for work

Report by Sue Austin

**A COLLEGE for students with learning and physical disabilities has achieved gold standard level for its provision of work experience for their students for the second time.**

The award for Derwen College, near Oswestry, was given by Fair Train, owners of the national work experience quality standard accreditation.

Students at Derwen College are able to access high-quality work experience opportunities from year one with a range of internal quality work experience sessions and the operational and commercial outlets in the college.

These include the Orangery Restaurant, Tiffins Coffee Shop, Young's Farm Shop, Garden Centre, Garden Café and the Walled Garden.

They are open to the public seven days a week and ensure students are learning to industry standard across the range of vocational studies on offer, which include land based studies, hospitality and catering, retail and business studies and creative studies and personal development.

"We are so pleased with this second gold award which is a reflection on the hard work, enthusiasm and dedication of all the staff here," said Abi Baker, work experience co-ordinator at the college.

"Our aims for the students here are that they have the opportunity to access meaningful work placements, we also have a transition team who liaise with employers in the home areas of students as they approach the end of their learning here at Derwen to continue the learning and the opportunities." The work experience quality standard is a national accreditation



Ian Jelley of Fair Train presents the gold standard award to Abi Baker

which provides external quality assurance for high-quality work experience and employability programmes.

"The work experience programme that Derwen College runs epitomises all of the elements of best practice. It is learner focused; tailored to their indi-

vidual needs, structured; to enable the learners to grow in confidence and develop employability and life skills, and well supported; with expert staff who are passionate about supporting each learner on their journey," Ian Jelley, deputy chief officer at Fair Train said.

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## Country cottage comes with a paddock and gardens

An attractive three or four bedroomed detached country cottage set within mature gardens and a paddock extending to 1.4 acres, Rhoswaendeg at Cross Lanes, St Martins, Oswestry comes with stabling for three horses.

Also having a range of well maintained outbuildings including a barn and a large garage and kitchen gardens, it is for sale through Bowen Son & Watson at £250,000.

The accommodation briefly comprises of a boot room, breakfast kitchen, utility, bathroom, sitting room, study, dining room, large conservatory whilst on the first floor there are three good size bedrooms with a further room currently used as a dressing room.

The property is situated in an excellent rural location yet is within walking distance of the centre of the popular village of St Martins and easy access onto the A5/A483 for commuting.

The cottage itself has extensive views and has been sympathetically extended to provide a spacious family home that still has potential for further development. The property has gas central heating and double glazing throughout.

The property is approached over a gated paved driveway leading to double doors into the boot room. This has wood-effect flooring and space and plumbing for a washing machine.

The breakfast kitchen has units with worktops, a sink, plumbing and space for a dishwasher and space for a low level fridge and cooker. It also has a chimney recess an an archway into a breakfast area with exposed beams. Off this is the utility room with units and worktops. An archway leads to a bathroom.

The lounge has an inglenook fireplace with a multi fuel log burner and timber mantle above and wood-effect flooring. The dining room has wood-effect flooring, stairs to the first floor and under stairs storage. Extending the full length of the house is the conservatory.

On the first floor are three bedrooms and bedroom floor/dressing room.

## KEY FEATURES

3/4 bedrooms

Detached country cottage

Mature gardens and paddock

Stabling for three horses

Outbuildings

ST MARTINS

£250,000



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# Home in village comes with extra parking space

ST MARTINS  
£234,950

A spacious four-bedroomed detached family home, Waterloo House in Ellesmere Road, St Martins comes with ample parking for vehicles and a caravan/motorhome and a well looked after rear garden.

It is for sale through Town & Country at £234,950. It has an entrance hall, a living room, a dining room, a sitting room, a kitchen, a utility room, a cloakroom/WC, a landing, four bedrooms and a family bathroom. The rear garden is a particular feature of the property, also coming with two sheds, and the property is close to road and rail links to major towns and cities.

In more detail a covered canopy porch leads to the front door. The entrance hall has under-stairs access to the cellar and stairs off. The living room has a bay window overlooking the property's frontage and a feature fireplace with an electric fire. The dining room



also overlooks the front and has a glazed door to the sitting room. This room has windows to the side and rear, a feature fireplace with a gas fire on a quarry tiled hearth and an archway to the kitchen.

The kitchen has base and wall units, working surfaces over, a single bowl sink and drainer with a mixer tap, an integrated stainless steel oven, hob over, extractor fan over, integrated fridge, part tiled walls, vinyl flooring and spotlights and a double glazed window to the side.

The utility room has a built-in cupboard, sink and drainer, plumbing for a washing machine and windows and a door to the rear, while the cloakroom has a WC, wash hand basin and a side window.

The front garden is gravelled with a path to the front door. The rear garden is well maintained, having lawn, flower and shrub borders and a patio area.

Contact Town & Country on 01691 679631.



## Five-bedroomed detached home is immaculately presented

FOUR CROSSES  
£325,000 >>>

Immaculately presented, 7, Parc Hafod, Four Crosses is a five-bedroomed detached family home in a quiet residential area in a popular village.

Having easy access on to the A5/A483, it is for sale through Bowen Son & Watson at £325,000. Maintained to the highest of standards the accommodation briefly comprises an entrance hall, cloakroom, lounge, dining room, breakfast kitchen and utility whilst on the first floor is a master suite including dressing room and an ensuite, a further two double bedrooms and a family bathroom. On the second floor are two bedrooms and a shower room.

The property sits on a well proportioned plot with gardens to the front and rear and a driveway and a double garage. The property has gas central heating and double glazing installed throughout.

For more information contact Bowen Son & Watson on 01691 652367.



## Four bedroom home sits in elevated part of popular town

LLANFAIR CAEREINION  
£185,000 <<<

A spacious detached four bedroom family home, 1 Bryn Y Coed, Llanfair Caereinion, is on the market through Halls for £185,000.

Of brick construction with a rendered elevation under a pitched tiled roof, it is situated in an elevated part of the popular town. The accommodation is well laid out and it is an ideal house to cater for the modern family. The gardens are situated primarily to the rear and comprise low maintenance lawns with flower and shrub borders. To the side is a private driveway with parking and a detached double garage. The property is well presented and benefits from oil-fired central heating, full double glazing and a detached double garage.

Inspection is recommended. The property is situated within walking distance of the centre of the picturesque town of Llanfair Caereinion which has shops serving everyday needs.

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**Oaklands Road  
Chirk Bank** £139,995

- Well proportioned two bedroom semi-detached property
- Situated in the sought after location of Chirk Bank
- Views over open countryside & overlooking the Llangollen Canal to rear
- Entrance Hall, Lounge, Dining Room,
- Kitchen, Conservatory
- 2 Bedrooms and Bathroom
- Front and rear gardens, shared driveway, parking area and garage
- UPVC double glazing and electric central heating. EPC Rating G
- NO CHAIN



**Morton  
Nr Oswestry** £175,000

- A unique opportunity to purchase a 2 Bedroom Detached Cottage
- Requiring a full scheme of refurbishment.
- In the quiet hamlet of Morton
- Kitchen, Dining Room, Lounge
- Ground floor Bathroom 2 double bedrooms
- Large garden, outbuilding and garage
- EPC Rating
- NO CHAIN



**Cross Lanes  
St Martins** £250,000

- An attractive 3/4 Bedroom Detached Country Cottage
- set within mature gardens and paddock extending approx to 1.4 acres
- Good stabling for 3 horses.
- Well maintained outbuildings including a barn, large garage & kitchen gardens
- Boot Room, Breakfast Kitchen, Utility,
- Bathroom
- Sitting Room, Study, Dining Room, large Conservatory
- Good size bedrooms with further room currently used as a dressing room.
- Situated in an excellent rural location extensive views
- Gas central heating and uPVC double



**Castle Street  
Oswestry** £100,000

- Spacious 2 Bed End Terrace Hse
- Contains a host of original features
- Ent Hall, Living Room and Kitchen
- 2 good size Bedrooms, Bathroom
- Additional Attic Room
- slabbed area to the front.
- Gas C/H & D/G. EPC Rating



**Plough Bank  
Weston Rhyn** £119,995

- A well maintained and deceptively spacious 2 Bedroom Mid Terrace Property
- Situated within the popular village of Weston Rhyn
- Entrance Hall/Study, Lounge and Kitchen
- 2 good size Bedrooms and a Bathroom
- Enclosed front and rear gardens with allocated parking to the rear
- Gas central heating and double glazing are installed throughout
- EPC Rating



**Lakeholme Gardens  
Oswestry** £224,950

- An immaculately presented 5 Bedroom, 3 Storey Townhouse
- Situated in close walking proximity to the town centre of Oswestry and Cae Glas Park.
- Entrance Hall, Cloakroom, Kitchen, Lounge, Dining Room
- 3 Bedrooms and a Family Bathroom.
- Master Bedroom Suite with Dressing Room and En-Suite.
- Good size enclosed rear garden, single garage and parking space
- Double glazing and gas central heating. EPC rating



**Laburnum Close  
St Martins** £169,995

- An immaculately presented 3 Bedroom Detached Family Home
- Maintained to a high standard throughout
- Entrance Hall, Lounge, Kitchen/ Dining Room, Utility, Cloakroom
- 3 good size Bedrooms (master en-suite) and a Family Bathroom
- Good size plot with front and rear gardens, driveway and single garage
- Gas central heating and double glazing are installed throughout



**Abraham Court  
Oswestry** £105,995

- Well appointed 1st floor purpose built apartment
- House Manager with Carline backup
- Camera controlled entry phone system
- Sealed unit D/G & night storage heating
- Resident's lounge, residents car parking laundry rm
- Guest suite with en-suite facilities



**Heather Bank  
Gobowen** £160,000

- An immaculately presented 2 Bedroom Detached Bungalow
- Maintained to the highest of standards throughout
- Entrance Hall, Kitchen, Lounge
- 2 good size Bedrooms and Bathroom.
- Enclosed rear garden, driveway
- providing
- Ample off road parking and single garage
- uPVC double glazing and new gas boiler have been recently installed
- EPC Rating D (66)
- Oil central heating is installed



**Castle Street  
Whittington** £220,000

- 3 Bedroom Semi-Detached Property situated within the popular village of Whittington
- Entrance Hall, Lounge, Kitchen/ Dining Room, Utility Room.
- Family Room, Office and Cloakroom
- 3 good size Bedrooms and a Family Bathroom
- Enclosed private large rear garden with workshop and off road parking
- Double glazing and gas central heating. EPC Rating



**Parc Hafod  
Llanymynech** £325,000

- An immaculately presented 5 Bedroom Detached Family Home
- Located within a quiet residential area in the popular village of Four Crosses
- Ent Hall, Cloaks, Lounge, Dining Room, Breakfast Kitchen & Utility
- First floor is a Master Suite including Dressing Room and En-Suite
- Further 2 Double Bedrooms and Family Bathroom
- On the second floor are 2 Bedrooms and Shower Room
- Gardens to the front and rear and a driveway and double garage
- LP Gas Central Heating and Double Glazing. EPC Rating C (76)



**Oswald Place  
Oswestry** £124,950

- 3 Bed Town House with Original Features
- Within Walking Distance of Town Centre
- Kitchen Lounge, Cloakroom
- 2 Beds and Bathroom
- Master Bed with adj Dressing Room
- Private Courtyard Garden
- Gas Central Heating, D/G. EPC Rating F



**Llanrhaeadr YM** £250,000

- NO CHAIN - An idyllic Detached Country Cottage set in an elevated position
- With outstanding views over the Tanat Hills and surrounding countryside
- Entrance Hall, Lounge, Dining Room, Kitchen/Breakfast Room
- Utility and ground floor Shower Room
- 3 Double Bedrooms (1 en-suite) and a separate Family Bathroom
- The property stands in large lawned gardens
- Ample off road parking together with a single garage
- Concrete shed and former pig styes
- Oil central heating is installed throughout



**Cherry Tree Dr  
St Martins** £123,999

- NO CHAIN
- 3 Bedroom Semi-Detached Property
- Hallway, Lounge, Kitchen/Dining Rm
- 3 Bedrooms and Family Bathroom
- Well maintained gardens to front & rear
- Ample off road parking
- uPVC D/G, electric storage heaters
- Cavity wall insulation. EPC Rating D (62)



**Ardmillan Close, Oswestry** £314,995

- Rare opportunity to purchase a 3 Bedroom Detached House with a self contained 2 Bed Annex
- The main house accommodation: Entrance Hall, Lounge, Dining Room, kitchen
- Rear Hall, Utility & Cloaks, 3 Double Bedrooms, Bathroom & Separate Shower Rm
- The annex accommodation: Living Room, Kitchen, 2 Beds and Bathroom
- Both having gas central heating and double glazing
- Ample off road parking and garage together with enclosed gardens.



**Regent Court  
Oswestry** £120,000

- Well appointed 2 Bed 1st Flr Apartment
- Living/Dining Area, Fitted Kitchen
- 2 Bedrooms (master en-suite)
- Gap Shower Rm, Secure car parking
- 24 hour resident secretary, communal lounge & garden
- Security entrance system, lift to all floors & guest accommodation



**The Meads  
Weston Rhyn** £119,950

- A most delightful and spacious Mid-Terrace House
- Lounge, fitted kitchen/breakfast room
- Three bedrooms and family bathroom
- Newly fitted Gas fired boiler & D/G
- Good sized gardens to front & rear
- Off road parking provision
- EPC Rating C '76'



**Maes Yr Ysgol  
Llanfechain** £169,995

- A delightful 2 Bedroom Detached Bungalow
- Ent Hall, Lounge, Kitchen, Rear Porch
- 2 Bedrooms and Bathroom.
- Lawned gardens to front and rear
- Driveway and garage
- Oil C/H and uPVC D/G
- NO CHAIN
- EPC Rating E '51'



**Old Post Office Lane  
Trefonen** £275,000

- A fully renovated 3 Bedroom Detached Bungalow set within a plot extending to 0.35 acre
- Situated in an elevated position with views towards open countryside
- The property has been fully renovated to a high specification throughout
- Open plan Kitchen - Living Area
- Utility Room, Cloaks
- 3 Bedrooms, master bed with en-suite, Bathroom
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## Barn conversion has many original features

**CASTLE CAEREINION**  
£399,950

**Penllwyn Barn, Castle Caereinion is on the market through Halls at £399,950.**

The property comprises an imposing detached barn conversion that has been sympathetically converted retaining many original features.

The accommodation is well laid out over two floors and offers a generous hallway, large farmhouse-style kitchen, dining room, three ground floor bedrooms and two shower rooms. On the first floor is a feature open-plan living room with an array of original beams and timbers, together with a master bedroom suite with large bedroom with fine views, dressing area and en-suite bathroom. The gardens are of particular note being of generous size and being totally private.

**For details contact Halls on 01938 555552.**



## Delightful cottage enjoys a wonderful rural location

**LLANSANTFFRAID**  
£259,950

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**Tair Carreg Cottage in Llansantffraid is a delightful and well maintained detached property set within a picturesque location with open countryside views from all aspects.**

Close to the village it has oil-fired central heating, double glazing, a sitting room with a log burner, a kitchen, a reception hall, a bathroom and two bedrooms.

There is ample off road parking.

The property has attractive landscaped gardens with a gently flowing garden stream.

The property is for sale through Morris Marshall & Poole at £259,950.

This is a beautiful location from which to enjoy walking, riding or cycling.

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## Superb cottage with balcony is in location on edge of forest

LLANGADFAN  
£175,000

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Bliss Cottage, 4 Hendre, Llangadfan, is a delightfully charming two-bedroomed semi-detached cottage in a beautiful location on the edge of Dyfnant Forest.

Having a balcony, separate lounge and dining room, kitchen and wet room, it is for sale through Morris Marshall & Poole at £175,000. A number of external items may be available by separate negotiation including a wood fired hot tub, an attractive insulated "Hobbit House" with wood stove, a large timber shed and a timber potting shed/greenhouse. From the paved patio the gardens lead across the front of the house with a raised lawn in a sunny position with good views. A pathway then leads to large side gardens with woodland beyond. There is a stream-fed pond and a second still pond.

Contact Morris Marshall & Poole on 01691 679595 for more information.



## Large detached family house is in cul-de-sac

WHITTINGTON  
£329,950

A large detached executive family village house, 2 Park Issa Gardens, Station Road, Whittington lies in a pleasing cul-de-sac position.

It is for sale through JJ Dell & Co at £329,950. The property is a traditionally constructed detached house, the present owner having extended the accommodation with a utility and study, further garaging/workshop and external storage. It has a covered porch, a reception hall, a cloakroom/WC and a dining room. There is also a lounge, a conservatory, kitchen, rear entrance hall and utility and study. On the first floor is a gallery landing with an airing cupboard and carpeting. Bedroom one has a double built-in wardrobe, carpeting and an en-suite shower room. There are three further bedrooms – all with carpeting – and one with a built-in wardrobe.

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- Spacious Detached Bungalow Within Easy Walking Distance Of Town Centre
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- Lounge
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### WEST FELTON



- Attractive Detached Country Cottage
- Quiet Country Lane Location
- Kitchen
- Cloakroom And Study
- Living Room
- Three Bedrooms
- Sun Room
- Garage And Ample Parking
- Approx. Half Acre Plot
- Large South Facing Rear Garden
- EPC Band-F
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### WEST FELTON



- Well Appointed Three Bed. Detached House
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- Living Room
- Dining Kitchen
- Cloakroom & Utility
- Conservatory
- Two En-Suites
- Garage & Parking
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- Backing Onto Open Fields
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### OSWESTRY



- Semi-Detached Bungalow Within Walking Distance Of Town Centre
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## Good sized detached dormer house sits on a corner plot

OSWESTRY  
£225,000

A good sized four-bedroomed detached dormer house, 7 Wilfred Owen Road, Oswestry lies on a corner plot with ample parking.

It is for sale through JJ Dell & Co at £225,000.

The property is situated on a mature estate being within reasonable walking distance of the local shopping facilities in Cabin Lane and Unicorn Road. There is a regular bus service into the towns shopping centre. Having been improved by the owner with a new driveway and garage door, number 7 comes with double glazing and gas central heating. It has an entrance porch with floor tiling, an entrance hall with stairs off to the first floor and a fitted carpet and a cloakroom with vinyl flooring. The lounge has a modern fireplace with a coal-effect fire and fitted carpeting. From here double doors open to a study with carpeting. This room has patio doors opening to the rear garden.



With vinyl flooring, the breakfast kitchen has a one and a quarter sink, ample modern units of fitted wall and base cupboards with worktops and a view down rear garden. This room is also served by a utility, which has a stainless steel sink unit, fitted wall and base cupboards with worktops, plumbing for washing machine, space for dryer and vinyl flooring. The conservatory has a tiled floor. Completing the ground floor accommodation, bedroom four has a fitted wardrobe and is carpeted. Off the first floor galleried carpeted landing, bedroom one is dual aspect and is carpeted and has an en suite shower room. Bedroom two is carpeted, bedroom three is also carpeted and has a fitted wardrobe. The family bathroom has a modern white suite comprising a bath with a shower and a screen, low-level WC, pedestal wash hand basin, a heated towel rail, extraction, complementary wall tiling and vinyl flooring.

Contact JJ Dell & Co on 01691 653437.



## Attractive barn conversion is lovely and spacious

EARDISTON  
£525,000 >>>

Meadow View Barn at Eardiston, West Felton is an attractive Grade II listed property that was converted in 2008 providing over 3,000 sq. ft of living space.

Lovely and spacious and neutrally decorated throughout, it is for sale through Balfours at £525,000. On the ground floor the entrance hall gives access to the downstairs en suite bedroom, a WC and the dining room. The dining room has access to the snug, a sitting room, stairs to the first floor and, via double doors and a few steps, to the comprehensively equipped breakfast kitchen.

The sitting room has French doors to the outside. On the first floor there are three en suite bedrooms featuring vaulted ceilings, one with a dressing room. Outside, there are three garages and an office. From the gardens views across surrounding farm land can be enjoyed.

Call Balfours on 01743 353511.



## Four bedroomed house is on a recently established estate

LLANMYNECH  
£315,000 <<<

11 Parc Llwyfen, Elm Tree Park, Llanymynech is a detached four-bedroomed residence on a pleasant recently established estate.

Close to village amenities and the A483, it is for sale through Morris Marshall & Poole at £315,000. In brief it has two reception rooms, a study, kitchen, utility, a family bathroom, ensuite, gas central heating, double glazing and a well maintained rear garden.

Outside is a double drive approach off the head of the cul-de-sac which enables ample on-site parking and access to the garage. The front garden is open plan and lawned with a gated side access with a paved pathway to the rear.

The well enclosed and screened rear garden includes a level lawn, paved patio and mature shrubs and trees to the borders. There is also a useful side store area.

Contact Morris Marshall & Poole on 01691 679595.





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- Llanfyllin - One bedroom Ground Flat - £295 pcm
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- Oswestry - Two Bedroom Detached Bungalow - £595 pcm
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- Llanfyllin - Three bedroom detached house - £550 pcm
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## LLANMYNECH



- FABULOUS POSITION
- Recently Updated
- Detached Bungalow

- EPC C
- Set In Approx 1/4 Acre
- Garage and Cellar Storage

Offers in the region of £225,000

## ST MARTINS



- \*\*\*CHAIN FREE\*\*
- Immaculate Detached Bungalow
- Three Bedrooms

- Popular Location
- Modern Kitchen & Bathroom
- Single Detached Garage

£214,995

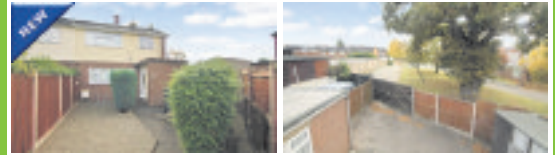
## WHITTINGTON



- Victorian Semi-Detached
- Popular Location
- Three Bedrooms
- Well Presented Throughout
- Close to Local Amenities
- Close to Rail and Road Links
- Off-Road Parking

£175,000

## OSWESTRY



- Three Bedroom End Terrace
- Two Reception Rooms
- Downstairs Cloakroom

- Close to Local Amenities
- Off-Road Parking
- Gas Central Heating

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## ST MARTINS



- NO CHAIN!!
- Beautifully Presented
- Detached Three Bedroom

- Outskirts of Village
- Superb Kitchen/Dining Room
- Cloakroom

£225,000

## GOBOWEN



- Take a Second Look
- Not What it Seems
- Four Bedrooms
- Master En-Suite
- Cloakroom

- Spacious Accommodation
- UPVC Double Glazing
- Gas Central Heating
- Close to Local Amenities
- Excellent Road/Rail Links

£167,950

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- Beautifully Presented
- Two Double Bedrooms

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- Well Kept Gardens
- Garage and Parking

£184,000

## MORDA



- WITH NO CHAIN!!!
- Detached Bungalow
- Spacious Accommodation

- Modern Fitted Kitchen
- Two Double Bedrooms
- Large Garage & Driveway

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- Delightful Two Bedroom
- Mid Terrace
- Recently Refurbished

- Close to Local Amenities
- Excellent Road/Rail Links
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- Modern Detached House
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- Well Presented

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## OSWESTRY



- Victorian End Terrace
- Three Bedroom Family Home
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- Tastefully Decorated

£167,500

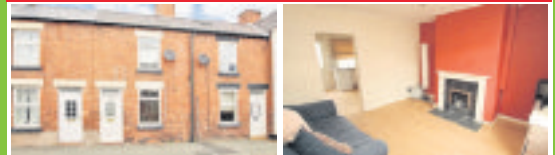
## MEIFOD



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- Semi Detached House
- Three Bedrooms
- Village Location

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- Stunning Views
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- Three Reception Rooms

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- A MUST SEE PROPERTY!!
- Beautiful Country Residence
- Spacious Accommodation

- Peaceful Rural Location
- Large Outbuilding
- 3.8 Acres of Gardens/Land

£599,750

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- MUST SEE PROPERTY!!!
- Charming Country Cottage
- Many Original Features
- Underfloor Heating

£249,950

## CHIRK



- Semi-Detached House
- Three Bedrooms
- Two Reception Rooms
- Cloakroom & Shower Room

£145,000

## FOUR CROSSES



- Modern End of Terrace
- Well Presented
- Three bedrooms
- Downstairs Cloakroom

£139,500

## LODGEVALE PARK, CHIRK



- Semi Detached
- Two Double Bedrooms
- Modern Kitchen
- Upvc Double Glazing

£125,000

## PEN-Y GARNEDD, LLANRHAEDR-YM-MOCHNANT



- Former Coaching Inn
- Many Original Features
- Set in Five Acres
- Four Bedrooms

Offers over £300,000

## OSWESTRY



- Modern Detached Bungalow
- Two Double Bedrooms
- Off Road Parking
- Upvc Double Glazing

£145,000



# Why vintage furniture could be a bargain

## ANTIQUES AND COLLECTIBLES

with John Ridgway of Perry & Phillips



**THERE'S a good deal of vintage upholstered furniture for sale at auction presently – but some people are not keen to buy it if the fabric is even slightly worn or damaged.**

This is a great pity, not to mention a bit short-sighted, because the prices of these pieces are very affordable and merely replacing the upholstery need not be a problem at all – and, of course, a restored item will regain its value.

There are some lovely vintage chairs, sofas, dining chairs, chaises and day beds around – all in basically good condition – that just require re-covering in order to bring them back to life.

Re-upholstering is something you can do yourself, armed with the right tools and a little knowledge.

Alternatively, you can get a professional upholsterer to get the job done for you – this won't break the bank and will be well worth the effort.

Some of the items might just need cleaning properly to remove stains and not require re-covering at all, and again you can do this yourself if you take care, it's always a good idea to do a 'patch test' beforehand if you can and if in any doubt consult an expert.

The original fabric of early 19th century pieces may well be in good condition but it is likely that earlier items, dating from the Edwardian, Victorian eras and before that, will bear the marks of use and is sometimes faded thanks to being situated in sunlight.

You can find the right material to match the furniture, even a suitable pattern or colour, so your restored pieces will end up looking as good as new. If you do decide to take the plunge and buy, make sure that the piece of furniture itself is in good condition and that the frame is nice and solid.

Check for signs of woodworm, which can easily be treated if not too severe, and to make sure that woodwork is original.

Some chaises or day beds may have been fitted with new legs over the years but it doesn't really affect the look of the piece.

I think people's reluctance to take these items on as a worthwhile project is all to do with not knowing what might be involved – and this is reflected in their prices at the moment.

So do take a good look at the pieces of vintage furniture on sale at the auction house, you may pick up a real bargain that could be totally transformed.

**Perry and Phillips Auctioneers hold sales of antiques and collectables on the first Tuesday of each month. Valuation days, for sale items only, are held every Wednesday at the Mill Street saleroom in Bridgnorth, from 10am until 4pm.**

**The next sale takes place on this Tuesday, December 6, viewing is during the weekend and on the Monday prior to the sale. If you want to bid during the auction and are a new bidder please arrive in plenty of time to register and be allocated a bidding number.**



# Christmas party? Time to get suited and booted



Suits are coming back into fashion

TODAY we rarely see our men suited and booted. Even those who work in a smart business environment are unlikely to wear a jacket and tie. Necessities such as weddings and interviews seem to be the only times the full regalia is required and it is a dreadful shame those delightful garments have made way for chinos, sweat pants and polo shirts, in our informal world.

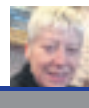
There is a great difference in the way a bespoke suit is made as opposed to the 'off the shelf' garments in our high-street stores. The bespoke garment carries many layers of various interlinings, hand sewn into place, cleverly cut and technically complicated pattern work, fitted to the body perfectly and made from expensive wools and linens. The high-street suit is well made but with less technical detail, heat pressed interlinings and polyester fabric, produced in various general sizing.

Of course the cost of these items has helped in their demise. A designer bespoke suit can cost several thousand pounds and even the value suits sold in our supermarkets are a minimum of £60.

The word 'tailor', according to the Oxford

## STYLE FOCUS

with Janet Timmis



English Dictionary, dates back to 1297 and originates from the word 'tailleur', a French word meaning 'cutter'. The loose robes of the Middle Ages gave way to a constructed item that was cut, pieced and sewn to fit the shape of the body and 'tailoring' was born. The Master tailor became a very important craftsman of this specialized and complicated art.

Italy, Spain and France became powers of fashionably dressed men. Frock coats and frills became popular and elaborate brocade, velvet and lace fabrics were used. It is still accepted that Britain introduced the art of tailoring to the rest of the world. The English were a little more somber in their dress and Savile Row in Mayfair, London became the place to buy beautifully made clothing, patronized by Beau Brummell in early 1800's, the epitome of the well-dressed man of the

time. The Japanese word for suit is 'sabori', interestingly derived from the words 'Savile Row'.

The likes of Paul Smith, Oswald Boateng and Ted Baker are keeping the tradition alive and thankfully the art of tailoring continues in the UK.

In the late 19th century gentleman would have a day suit and an evening suit in their wardrobe and a man was underdressed without a white shirt and tie and even a hat to compliment the look, rarely would they be seen out in casuals! The shape and style of men's tailoring has changed over the years, fashions change. Double breasted, Nehru jackets and today's skinny suit.

On the high-street Next and Marks and Spencer offer good quality suits for under £200, and there is a definite re-emergence of the suit as a fashion item. So, gentlemen, instead of those navy chinos and casual shirt for the Christmas party, dress to impress in a suit and tie!

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During the winter months, extreme changes in temperature can have unwanted effects on your skin and extra care needs to be taken to provide protection

# Keeping irritation at bay as weather changes



Remove wet gloves as soon as possible

**SKIN can take a battering as temperatures begin to drop and icy winds blow, so it is important to remember to take care of your sensitive skin.**

Over the winter months, cold winds and low temperatures have an impact on your skin and dryness is the most common result of braving the elements. Winter air lacks humidity which reduces the skin's natural oils.

And while looking after your skin in the first instance is important, it is also important to make careful choices about the washing up and laundry products you choose, that can help to keep skin irritation at bay.

Harley Street dermatologist, Dr Friedmann, offers his advice: "During winter, extreme changes in temperature can have unwanted effects on your skin. Going from being outside on a cold winter's day to inside with the heating on can make worsen conditions such as eczema.

"While many think fighting the urge to stay indoors and hibernate is the best solution, our warm cosy homes can also irritate the skin, with heating systems drying out the moisture in the air, causing further dryness and damage."

**By Sophie Madden**

Dr Friedmann added: "Working with Surcare, we have pulled together some helpful advice to combat skin dryness and irritation."

### Moisturise regularly

Throughout the winter months, to help retain the skin's moisture, it is important to avoid irritants such as soap, wipes and fragrances. Anti-bacterial hand wash can be especially harsh for sensitive skin. Keep your skin regularly topped-up with a rich moisturiser. Also consider using a laundry detergent that is geared towards sensitive skin to avoid further irritation.

### Get plenty of sleep

Our immune system is under a lot of pressure, fighting off more winter bugs during the cold season. It is always recommended to make an extra effort to get plenty of sleep and have time to de-stress in order to keep your skin in tip top condition. It is a known fact that stress and exhaustion lower the immune system, resulting in skin breakouts.

### Take care of your hands

As the skin on your hands is thinner than on most parts of the body, and has fewer oil glands, it is harder for them to retain moisture. This can lead to itchiness and cracking, so protect them with a moisturiser and

wear gloves when you go outside. Should you have woollen gloves, it might be an idea to slip on a thin cotton glove first, to avoid any irritation the wool might cause.

### Avoid wet gloves and socks

If you have been out in the rain or snow, make sure you remove your wet socks and gloves as soon as possible. The excess moisture can irritate your skin and cause itching, cracking, sores, or even a flare-up of eczema.

### Don't take very hot baths

While soaking in a hot bath seems like a great idea after being out in the cold, the intense heat of a hot shower or bath actually breaks down barriers in the skin, which can lead to a loss of moisture. Instead, use warm water and stay in the water a shorter amount of time. If you're suffering from itchy skin, try a lukewarm bath with oatmeal or baking soda, to help relieve skin.

### Use honey

To soften stubborn dry patches on rough elbows and knees, try a rich, hydrating scrub. You could even make your own, simply use a mix of honey and sugar. Studies have shown that honey reduces inflammation, and sugar (applied topically) increases circulation. This is especially helpful in winter when blood flow is typically diverted from the skin and sent to the core of the body to keep it warm.



# Tributes are paid to long serving council officer



**NATIVE  
MONSTER**  
Entertainment Unleashed





Hospitality and catering student Bradley Moseley with his finished dish



The Marches A netball team, back from left, Evie Lloyd-Butler, Millie Allan, Phoebe Davies and Holly Faulks and, front, Freya Weetman, Freya Hood, Ella Poole and Amy Coulson

# Students' top skills

Report by Naomi Penrose

**TALENTED** students in Oswestry have been involved in a variety of activities in recent weeks, allowing them to show off their skills.

Sports skills were put to the test when The Marches School hosted the North Shropshire under 13 netball tournament where six other schools were invited to play against each other to be crowned county champions.

The Marches School entered two teams, the only school to do so, and came first and fourth in the tournament.

The Marches School B team beat Oswestry School, Thomas Adams School and The Grove School. The school's A team went on to win the tournament convincingly, beating Corbet School, Thomas Adams School, Marches School B, Grove School, Oswestry School and Adcote School.

Meanwhile, students in years 10 and 11 from the Marches visited the Netherlands as part of an Erasmus trip which has enabled the school to have an alliance with students from Holland, Switzerland and Greece.

Children at Adcote School near Oswestry went dotty to raise the awareness of people with sight impairment.

Pupils wore polka dot outfits to raise awareness and raise money for the Royal National Institute for the Blind. The dotty day was to highlight the impact of Braille and how it can change the lives to those with visual impairment.

Meanwhile hospitality and catering students at North Shropshire College's Oswestry Campus have been training hard in the college's very own training restaurant, Scholars. Recently, students have been using seasonal ingredients to create new dishes for the menu. Toni Mooney and Bradley Moseley created a pasta dish using roasted courgette, mushroom, bacon and garlic bound in a cheese liaison.



Young pupils at Adcote School near Oswestry went dotty to raise money for charity during a recent event



Marches students enjoyed a trip to the Netherlands as part of their studies



The Marches netball B team, back from left, Francesca Lepone, Laura Parker, Rachel Skirton, Eloise Smith and Emma Adams, and front, Anna Rothera, Imogen Steele and Ellie Frost





The Marches School students visited the USS Intrepid during their trip to the Big Apple



The students enjoyed views of many iconic buildings



Carriage rides around Central Park in New York were enjoyed by the students

# Students enjoy the Big Apple

**DOZENS** of students from The Marches School in Oswestry enjoyed a big bite out of the Big Apple during a visit to America.

A total of 81 Year 11 students from The Marches School visited New York in the October half term.

The memorable trip was a mixture of educational visits and leisure activities and was thoroughly enjoyed by all the youngsters.

The action-packed trip saw students visit the famous Times Square and take a boat trip to the Statue of Liberty.

The trip also saw group photos taken on the USS Intrepid and an evening visit to Madame Tussauds where students posed with the Obamas in the Oval Office.

A more sobering experience saw the students visit the site of 9/11 and the museum where they met survivors of the tragedy.

Walking past Trinity Church to Battery Park students admired the 'bull' of Wall Street and reached the very tip of Manhattan.

The hit movie 'Night at the Museum' inspired the visit to the Natural History Museum where

**Report by Naomi Penrose**

students enjoyed not only the dinosaurs but numerous other exhibits.

Walking through Central Park students visited Strawberry Fields and the 'Imagine' memorial in memory of John Lennon and the Bethesda Fountain and lakes area.

The visit was concluded by carriage rides around the park.

Fifth Avenue, Bloomingdales and the Rockefeller centre all proved shopping magnets for the students.

Visiting the 'Top of the Rock' students were stunned by the far reaching views of the city and by the size and scale of Central Park.

As night fell the Woolman ice skating rink beckoned and a thoroughly enjoyable time was had by all the students

The evening meal at 'Mustang Harry's' was a fitting final meal before ascending the iconic Empire State for a night time view unequalled by any other city.

The students' final activity was a walk along the Brooklyn Bridge before the long journey home.



A stunning view of the famous Manhattan skyline at night was a highpoint for many of the students



The students walked along the famous Brooklyn Bridge during their visit





**Pointless Celebrities**

6.05pm

Alexander Armstrong hosts an edition based on the subject of music, as Sinitta, Jaymi Hensley, Vernie Bennett, Easter Bennett, Claire Richards, Ian 'H' Watkins, Tony Christie and Ben Adams try to come up with the least likely correct answers to a series of questions.



**Live International Rugby Union**

5pm

Wales v Argentina (Kick-off 5.30pm). Gabby Logan introduces coverage of the latest autumn international for both sides, which takes place at the Principality Stadium. These teams have met 15 times in the past, with Wales winning 10 of those contests to the Pumas' five.



**The Jonathan Ross Show**

9.30pm

The host is joined by controversial TV presenter Jeremy Clarkson, who discusses his new venture The Grand Tour, an upcoming series for Amazon Video, in which he will be reunited with James May and Richard Hammond. Singer Robbie Williams also drops by.



**Formula 1: Brazilian Grand Prix Qualifying – Highlights**

8pm

Steve Jones presents action from the battle for pole position in the 20th round of the season, which takes place at Interlagos in Sao Paulo. Mercedes driver Nico Rosberg secured the front position on the grid at last year's race.



**NCIS: New Orleans**

8.25pm

A naval psychologist is found dead in close proximity to the route of a traditional New Orleans second-line funeral procession. When the agents investigate, they discover the victim had been secretly photographing the parade, and LaSalle is attacked by an unknown assailant.

**BBC1**

- 6.00 Breakfast.**
- 9.15 Saturday Kitchen Live.** Glynn Purnell steps into the role of host this weekend, and is joined by Madness frontman Suggs as chef Ben Tish and food writer Eleonora Galasso prepare dishes in the kitchen.
- 10.45 The Lord Mayor's Show.** Gyles Brandreth and Tina Daheley present live coverage of the annual ceremonial parade through London, in honour of Dr Andrew Parmley, the 689th Lord Mayor of London.
- 12.05 Football Focus.** Dan Walker reviews the week's action.
- 12.35 Bargain Hunt.** Antiques in Marlborough, Wiltshire. (R)
- 1.00 BBC News;** Weather.
- 1.15 Four Nations Rugby League.** New Zealand v Scotland.
- 2.00 Live International Rugby Union.** Scotland v Australia (Kick-off 2.30pm). John Inverdale introduces coverage of the autumn international, as the Scots welcome the Wallabies to Murrayfield.
- 4.30 Escape to the Country.** A couple search for a rural home in Norfolk. (R)
- 5.15 Celebrity Mastermind.** With Tom Kerridge, Steph Houghton, Rob Delaney and Dominic Wood. (R)
- 5.45 BBC News.**
- 5.55 Midlands Today;** Weather.
- 6.05 Pointless Celebrities.** Edition focusing on the subject of music, with Sinitta, Jaymi Hensley, Vernie Bennett, Easter Bennett, Claire Richards, Ian 'H' Watkins, Tony Christie and Ben Adams. (R)
- 6.55 Strictly Come Dancing.** Following Laura and Giovanni's elimination, the remaining couples show off their skills as Len Goodman, Darcey Bussell, Bruno Tonioli and Craig Revel Horwood appraise their form.
- 8.10 The National Lottery: Who Dares Wins.** Two pairs of complete strangers team up, each battling to outdo the other by listing as much as they know about a given subject. Plus, a performance by Cliff Richard.
- 9.00 The Royal British Legion Festival of Remembrance.** Huw Edwards presents coverage of the annual event from the Royal Albert Hall in the presence of the Queen and other members of the royal family.
- 10.40 BBC News;** National Lottery Update.
- 11.00 Room 101 – Extra Storage.** Frank Skinner invites Vernon Kay, Kelly Hoppen and Miles Jupp to discuss their pet hates, which include litter louts, toilet-roll covers and loud noises. (R)
- 11.40 Asian Provocateur: Mum's American Dream.** Romesh Ranganathan takes a spiritual journey across Mexico with his uncle Ragu, taking part in a blindfolded jungle walk and a simulated illegal border crossing into the US.
- 12.10 FILM: The Rebound (2009).** A single mother falls for a younger man as they both try to recover from being betrayed by their former spouses. Romantic comedy, starring Catherine Zeta-Jones.
- 1.40 Weather for the Week Ahead.**
- 1.45 BBC News.**

**BBC2**

- 6.05 FILM: Government Girl (1943).** Romantic comedy, with Olivia de Havilland and Sonny Tufts.
- 7.35 The Women's Football Show.** A look at the biggest issues in the women's game. (R)
- 8.10 FILM: Suspicion (1941).** Alfred Hitchcock's thriller, starring Cary Grant.
- 9.45 Secret Britain.** Matt Baker and Julia Bradbury explore the north of England. (R)
- 10.45 The Good Cook.** Simon Hopkinson prepares risotto alla Parmigiana and tandoori chicken. (R)
- 11.15 Hairy Bikers' Best of British.** The history of the nation's food, beginning with a variety of recipes featuring fowl. (R)
- 12.15 The Best Dishes Ever.** Old-school recipes from Keith Floyd, James Martin, Lorraine Pascale and the Bake Off judges. (R)
- 12.45 Homes Under the Hammer.** Featuring properties in Birmingham, west London and Fife. (R)
- 1.30 Talking Pictures.** Profiles of stars of the silver screen.
- 2.15 FILM: Guess Who's Coming to Dinner (1967).** A white couple are made to confront their prejudice when their daughter reveals she is marrying a black man. Comedy drama, with Spencer Tracy, Katharine Hepburn and Sidney Poitier.
- 4.00 Flog It!** The experts head to Truro Cathedral in Cornwall.
- 5.00 Live International Rugby Union.** Wales v Argentina (Kick-off 5.30pm). Gabby Logan introduces coverage of the latest autumn international for both sides, which takes place at the Principality Stadium.
- 7.30 International Rugby Union.** England v South Africa. Jason Mohammad presents highlights from Twickenham, where the autumn international schedule got under way with this match against the touring Springboks.
- 8.30 Balletboyz – Young Men.** Feature-length dance film without dialogue shot on location in northern France, featuring dancers from the BalletBoyz company.
- 9.30 FILM: Mandela: Long Walk to Freedom (2013).** Premiere. Biopic of the South African leader, charting his activism against the apartheid regime, imprisonment and rise to become president. Starring Idris Elba and Naomie Harris. Introduced by actor Idris Elba, as part of the BBC's participation in BFI's Black Star season.
- 11.50 FILM: Red Tails (2012).** Black US fighter pilots battle both the German air force and racism in their own ranks. Fact-based Second World War drama, starring Terrence Howard and Cuba Gooding Jr.
- 1.50 This Is BBC2.** Preview of upcoming programmes from BBC2.
- 5.45 The A to Z of TV Gardening.** Carol Kirkwood continues her alphabetical journey through the world of horticulture, this time looking at subjects beginning with the letter O. (R)

**ITV**

- 6.00 CITV: Grizzly Tales for Gruesome Kids**
- 6.10 Grizzly Tales for Gruesome Kids**
- 6.20 Dino Dan: Trek's Adventures** **6.35** Dino Dan: Trek's Adventures **6.45** Sooty **6.55** Signed Stories: Share a Story **7.00** Super 4 **7.15** Oddbods
- 7.25 Scrambled! Scrambled!** Two hours of children's fun.
- 7.30 Scrambled! Nerds & Monsters.** Animated comedy. (R)
- 7.50 Scrambled! Horrid Henry.** Cartoon about a mischievous youngster. (R)
- 8.10 Scrambled! Looped.**
- 8.30 Scrambled! Be Cool, Scooby-Doo!** Adventures with the Scooby gang.
- 9.05 Scrambled! Adventure Time.** Fun for children. (R)
- 9.25 ITV News.**
- 9.30 Murder, She Wrote.** Jessica investigates foul play in Ireland. (R)
- 10.20 Murder, She Wrote.** A crooked deputy is murdered. (R)
- 11.20 Wild Australia with Ray Mears.** Exploring the Bush in the state of Victoria. (R)
- 11.50 Judge Rinder.** Real-life cases in a studio courtroom. (R)
- 12.50 ITV News and Weather;** Weather.
- 1.00 Cash Trapped.** Quiz, hosted by Bradley Walsh. (R)
- 1.55 This Time Next Year.** Davina meets a couple who share the story of their year-long struggle for a baby. (R)
- 2.55 Big Star's Little Star.** With Jamie Theakston, Shappi Khorsandi and James Anderson. (R)
- 4.00 Thunderbirds Are Go.** Scott, Alan and Taylor help a ship full of would-be colonists to reach Mars.
- 4.20 The Chase.** Quiz show, hosted by Bradley Walsh. (R)
- 5.25 ITV News Central;** Weather.
- 5.40 ITV News and Weather.**
- 6.00 Tipping Point: Lucky Stars.** Ben Shepherd presents a celebrity edition of the quiz, in which Johnny Vegas, Linda Robson and Ann Widdecombe answer questions to win turns on an arcade-style machine.
- 7.00 Meet the Parents.** Dating show, hosted by Holly Willoughby, which puts the love lives of singletons in the hands of the people they know best – their mum and dad.
- 8.00 The X Factor.** The live show phase continues as the would-be stars performs disco songs, with Simon Cowell, Nicole Scherzinger, Sharon Osbourne and Louis Walsh passing judgement.
- 9.30 The Jonathan Ross Show.** The host is joined by TV presenter Jeremy Clarkson, singer Robbie Williams, comedian Micky Flanagan and pop sensations Little Mix.
- 10.30 ITV News and Weather;** Weather.
- 10.45 FILM: The Bourne Ultimatum (2007).** The amnesiac assassin regains his memory, just as a CIA director sets in motion a plan to kill him. Spy thriller sequel, starring Matt Damon, Julia Stiles and David Strathairn.
- 12.50 Jackpot247.** Interactive gaming.
- 3.00 Murder, She Wrote.** (R)
- 3.50 ITV Nightscreen.**

**Channel 4**

- 6.10 Gillette World Sport.** Action from the Paris Masters tennis event.
- 6.40 Mobil 1 The Grid.** An interview with Brazilian racer Pipo Derani.
- 7.10 Everybody Loves Raymond.** Frank offers to paint Ray's house. (R)
- 7.35 Everybody Loves Raymond.** Ray recalls Ally's birth. (R)
- 8.00 Frasier.** Roz prepares to leave the radio station. (R)
- 8.30 Frasier.** Roz returns to her old job. (R)
- 9.00 The Morning Line.** A preview of the day's racing from Cheltenham.
- 10.00 The Big Bang Theory.** Sheldon and Amy host an episode of Fun with Flags.
- 10.30 The Big Bang Theory.** Bernadette shares some news.
- 11.00 The Big Bang Theory.** The gang finally celebrates Sheldon's birthday.
- 11.25 The Simpsons.** Featuring the guest voice of Michelle Pfeiffer. (R)
- 12.00 The Simpsons.** A cat burglar puts Springfield in a panic. (R)
- 12.30 Deal or No Deal.** Beat-the-banker game show.
- 1.30 Channel 4 Racing.** Live coverage from Cheltenham and Wetherby.
- 4.00 Jamie's Super Food.** Jamie Oliver travels to Jeju island in South Korea. (R)
- 4.30 Location, Location, Location.** Looking for houses in Southampton and the New Forest. (R)
- 5.35 A Place in the Sun: Winter Sun.** A couple looking for a winter home in Tenerife.
- 6.30 Channel 4 News.**
- 7.00 China: Between Clouds and Dreams.** Four children investigate why people in their town are suffering from mystery illnesses and a mother takes on a factory which she believes is causing cancer amongst its inhabitants.
- 8.00 Formula 1: Brazilian Grand Prix Qualifying – Highlights.** Action from the battle for pole position in the 20th round of the season, which takes place at Interlagos in Sao Paulo.
- 9.30 FILM: Non-Stop (2014).** An air marshal on a transatlantic flight searches for a terrorist threatening to kill the passengers one by one. Action thriller, with Liam Neeson and Julianne Moore.
- 11.40 FILM: Underworld: Awakening (2012).** Vampire Selene awakes from cryonic suspension to battle mutant werewolves and a human plot to annihilate the undead. Action fantasy, starring Kate Beckinsale and India Eisley.
- 1.20 Hollyoaks.** Omnibus. Cindy shows Holly and Dirk the deserted scene at the Osbornes'. (R)
- 3.25 Phil: Secret Agent Down Under.** Property-searching along Queensland's Sunshine Coast. (R)
- 4.20 Kirstie's Vintage Gems.** (R)
- 4.30 Deal or No Deal.** High-stakes game show, with Noel Edmonds. (R)
- 5.15 Wedding Town.** Leading hotelier Alasdair Houston plans to build a love wall in Gretna Green.
- 5.45 Motor Sport: 2016 FIA World Endurance Championship.** Action from the penultimate round of the season in Shanghai.

**Channel 5**

- 6.00 Milkshake!:** Milkshake! Monkey **6.05** Milkshake! Bop Box **6.10** Peppa Pig **6.15** Angelina Ballerina **6.25** Bob the Builder **6.40** Wanda and the Alien **6.50** Zack and Quack **7.00** Seaside Antics **7.10** Fireman Sam **7.25** Pip Ahoy! **7.40** Little Princess **7.55** Paw Patrol **8.15** Blaze and the Monster Machines **8.40** Noddy in Toyland **9.00** Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom **9.10** Shimmer and Shine **9.35** Peppa Pig **9.50** Peppa Pig **10.00** Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom
- 10.10 Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles.** Casey Jones accidentally unleashes a chaotic, reality-bending creature. (R)
- 10.45 House Doctor.** Woburn Sands, Buckinghamshire. (R)
- 11.45 FILM: A Bride for Christmas (2012).** Romantic drama, with Arielle Kebbel and Andrew W Walker.
- 1.25 FILM: Christmas Angel (2012).** Family drama, starring Della Reese.
- 3.30 FIA Formula E Live: Marrakech.** The Marrakech ePrix.
- 5.30 FILM: 2012 (2009).** Disaster movie, starring John Cusack.
- 8.25 NCIS: New Orleans.** A naval psychologist is found dead near the route of a traditional New Orleans funeral procession, and when the agents investigate, they are dragged into a complex plot.
- 9.20 NCIS: New Orleans.** A US Navy lieutenant dies from arsenic poisoning in an Army general's hotel suite, and when Pride investigates, two very plausible motives for murder emerge.
- 10.15 That's So 1985.** A look at events in 1985 using news, pop and TV archive clips to provide a reminder of the time, including the Live Aid concerts prompted by the famine in Ethiopia. (R)
- 11.15 Football on 5: Goal Rush.** George Riley and Lynsey Hipgrave introduce all the goals from the games in Leagues One and Two, including Coventry City v Scunthorpe United, and Luton Town v Accrington Stanley.
- 12.15 SuperCasino.** Viewers get the chance to take part in live interactive gaming, with a mix of roulette-wheel spins and lively chat from the presenting team.
- 3.10 The Yorkshire Vet.** Julian Norton tries to save Millie, a much-loved farm dog and an albino wallaby called Albert, while Charlie, a cheeky pygmy goat, gives Peter Wright the runaround. (R)
- 4.00 Storm Force: Winter Road Rescue.** Further footage of road recovery experts at work, battling extreme conditions to get to those in need during last year's wettest winter in recorded history and keep the UK moving. (R)
- 4.50 House Doctor.** Ann Maurice shows homeowners near Leamington Spa, Warwickshire, how to inject a touch of character into their bland property to make it more appealing. (R)
- 5.15 House Doctor.** A cluttered B&B on the Norfolk coast. (R)
- 5.40 Angels of Jarm.** Ephraim is accused of taking things. (R)
- 5.50 Roary the Racing Car.** (R)





## Planet Earth II

8pm

Rare footage of the elusive animals that live in the unforgiving environment of the world's mountain ranges. A female snow leopard with a cub ends up caught between two rival males, grizzly bears rub themselves up against trees in an attempt to shed their winter fur.



## Operation Gold Rush with Dan Snow

8pm

Dan Snow, Felicity Aston and Dr Kevin Fong finally arrive at the end of their gruelling journey in Dawson City. They set up a traditional mining camp in the heart of the gold fields. They have just five days to find gold in an area that has already been heavily mined.



## The Next Great Magician

7pm

Stephen Mulhern and Rochelle Humes showcase another group of illusionists, with Downton Abbey's Jim Carter and TOWIE's Amy Childs helping some of the performers with their acts. The second show features a spectacular series of nightmarish illusions and a magician secretly going on a date.



## Humans

9pm

Athena arrives in the UK, and her tragic secret is revealed. Niska's consciousness assessments begin, and the Synths are forced to abandon their hiding place, while Mia shocks her friends by making a decision with serious repercussions. Karen returns to work, but her relationship with Pete is strained.



## Red Dawn

11.05pm

The North Korean military mounts an invasion of the United States, with a small Washington state town the first target for their attack. The local teenagers form a resistance movement to drive out the occupying forces. Remake of the 1980s action adventure, starring Chris Hemsworth.

## BBC1

- 6.00 **Breakfast.**
- 9.00 **The Andrew Marr Show.**
- 10.20 **Remembrance Sunday: The Cenotaph.** David Dimbleby and Sophie Raworth present live coverage of the ceremony from Whitehall and the traditional march past, attended by the Queen and veterans of the armed forces.
- 12.30 **The People Remember.** Sophie Raworth presents highlights from the series, including Murray Walker's experiences in a Sherman tank and Helen Skelton's discovery of her grandfather's role in the war. Last in the series.
- 1.30 **BBC News; Weather.**
- 1.45 **Live Four Nations Rugby League.** England v Australia (Kick-off 2.00pm). Mark Chapman presents coverage of both teams' third match in the tournament, which takes place at the Olympic Stadium in London.
- 4.15 **Planet Earth II.** The wildlife of remote islands. (R)
- 5.15 **Songs of Praise.** Sally Magnusson presents an episode for Remembrance Sunday from RAF Brize Norton.
- 5.50 **BBC News.**
- 6.10 **Midlands Today; Weather.**
- 6.15 **Countryfile: A Remembrance Sunday Special.** Helen Skelton joins a cycle ride across Northern France commemorating the Battle of the Somme, and discovers how bicycles were used on the front line in the First World War. Including weather for the week ahead.
- 7.15 **Strictly Come Dancing: The Results.** Tess Daly and Claudia Winkleman present the results of last night's show. The professional dancers give a performance for Remembrance Day and Andre Rieu performs Hallelujah.
- 8.00 **Planet Earth II.** Animals that live in mountain ranges, including rival snow leopards, grizzly bears using trees to shed their winter fur, and golden eagles hunting over snow-capped peaks.
- 9.00 **My Mother and Other Strangers.** New series. Drama set in Northern Ireland during the Second World War following the fortunes of a family living near a United States Army Air Force airfield. Hattie Morahan stars.
- 10.00 **BBC News.**
- 10.20 **Midlands Today; Weather.**
- 10.30 **The Selfless Sikh: Faith on the Frontline.** Documentary following Sikh aid worker Ravi Singh, who was inspired by his faith's teachings to travel to Iraq and provide support for Yazidi families fleeing persecution by Isis.
- 11.00 **DIY SOS at Great Ormond Street Hospital.** The DIY SOS team embarks on a special challenge, transporting Chris Beardshaw's Chelsea Flower Show garden to the Great Ormond Street Hospital, and rebuilding it on the roof. (R)
- 12.00 **Citizen Khan.** Mr Khan buys a drone camera to keep an eye on the local neighbourhood. (R)
- 12.30 **Weather for the Week Ahead.**
- 12.35 **BBC News.**

## BBC2

- 6.30 **Glorious Gardens from Above.** Exploring Hampshire by hot-air balloon. (R)
- 7.15 **Life in a Cottage Garden with Carol Klein.** The horticulturist receives her first bee hive. (R)
- 7.45 **Greatest Gardens.** Diarmuid Gavin and Helen Dillon visits three gardens in Co Down. Last in the series. (R)
- 8.15 **Countryfile Ramble for BBC Children In Need.** A report on this year's charity fundraising event. (R)
- 9.30 **Saturday Kitchen Best Bites.** John Torode presents highlights from the series.
- 11.00 **The Good Cook.** Recipes include stuffed roasted peppers and smoked haddock pilaf. (R)
- 11.30 **Tom Kerridge's Proper Pub Food.** Dishes to celebrate a special occasion. (R)
- 12.00 **Bargain Hunt.** From Wetherby racecourse, West Yorkshire. (R)
- 1.00 **International Rugby Union.** England v South Africa. (R)
- 2.00 **Live Tennis: ATP World Tour Finals.** Coverage of the opening day at the O2 in London.
- 5.00 **Flog It!** The show comes from the deck of Victorian ship HMS Warrior. (R)
- 5.30 **Remembrance Sunday: The Cenotaph Highlights.** Coverage of this morning's service.
- 6.30 **FILM: Miss Potter (2006).** Victorian writer and illustrator Beatrix Potter falls in love while trying to find a publisher for her work. Biographical period drama, starring Renee Zellweger and Ewan McGregor.
- 8.00 **Operation Gold Rush with Dan Snow.** The team arrives at Dawson City, and sets up a mining camp in the gold fields. They have just five days to find gold using only traditional 19th-century methods. Last in the series.
- 9.00 **Will Britain Ever Have a Black Prime Minister?** David Harewood presents a documentary examining the obstacles that make it difficult for black people to rise to positions of power and influence in British society.
- 10.00 **Black Is the New Black.** Naomi Campbell, Dizzee Rascal, David Harewood, Tinie Tempah, Trevor McDonald and Alesha Dixon share their thoughts on growing up, touching on family, school and the working world.
- 10.30 **Later - with Jools Holland: Groove & Grime.** Jools presents a compilation of archive clips featuring black artists, including performances by D-Influence, Emeli Sande, Craig David, Stormzy, Mark Morrison and Dizzee Rascal.
- 11.30 **FILM: She's Out of My League (2010).** An average man begins a relationship with a beautiful and clever woman, but is haunted by the fear that she can do better than him. Romantic comedy, with Jay Baruchel and Alice Eve.
- 1.10 **Sign Zone: Countryfile Ramble for BBC Children In Need.** A report on this year's charity fundraising event. (R)
- 2.20 **Sign Zone: Holby City.** (R)
- 3.20 **This Is BBC2.** Preview of upcoming programmes.

## ITV

- 6.00 **CITV: Grizzly Tales for Gruesome Kids**
- 6.10 **Grizzly Tales for Gruesome Kids**
- 6.20 **Dino Dan: Trek's Adventures** 6.35
- Dino Dan: Trek's Adventures 6.45
- Sooty 6.55 Signed Stories: Share a Story 7.00 Super 4 7.15 Oddbods
- 7.25 **Scrambled!: Scrambled!**
- 7.30 **Scrambled!: Nerds & Monsters.** Animated comedy. (R)
- 7.50 **Scrambled!: Horrid Henry.** Henry finds out what it means to be musical. (R)
- 8.10 **Scrambled!: Looped.**
- 8.30 **Scrambled!: Thunderbirds Are Go.** Scott, Alan and Taylor help a ship full of would-be colonists to reach Mars.
- 9.05 **Scrambled!: Adventure Time.** (R)
- 9.25 **ITV News.**
- 9.30 **Bear Grylls Survival School.** Bear serves up live earthworms.
- 10.00 **Peston on Sunday.** Political magazine.
- 11.00 **Gino's Italian Escape: Hidden Italy.** Gino D'Acampo explores the north-western coastal region of Liguria. (R)
- 11.30 **Murder, She Wrote.** Jessica finds herself in court for defamation. (R)
- 12.25 **ITV News and Weather; Weather.**
- 12.35 **The Chase.** Quiz show, hosted by Bradley Walsh. (R)
- 1.35 **The X Factor.** Dermot O'Leary hosts as the contestants perform disco songs. (R)
- 3.05 **Midsomer Murders.** A choir member is killed before a competition. (R)
- 5.00 **Tippling Point.** Game show, hosted by Ben Shephard. (R)
- 6.00 **ITV News Central; Weather.**
- 6.15 **ITV News and Weather.**
- 6.30 **Off Their Rockers.** Katie Price joins the old age pranksters this week, and has a shock for some unsuspecting members of the public. Plus, Marry finds out what a Scotsman really wears under his kilt.
- 7.00 **The Next Great Magician.** Downton Abbey's Jim Carter and TOWIE's Amy Childs help some of the second batch of performers with their illusions, which include making a strange magical beverage.
- 8.00 **The X Factor.** Dermot O'Leary presents the results of last night's show, revealing who is through to the next stage before a sing-off decides which act will be eliminated from the contest.
- 9.00 **I'm a Celebrity Get Me Out of Here!** New series. Ant and Dec return to the jungles of Murwillumbah in New South Wales, Australia to present the latest series of the celebrity survival challenge.
- 10.45 **ITV News and Weather; Weather.**
- 11.05 **The City of War: The Loves and Lives of the War Poets.** Fact-based First World War drama telling the story of poets Siegfried Sassoon, Wilfred Owen and Robert Graves as they are confronted with the chaos of the trenches. With John Hurt.
- 12.00 **Anglo-Welsh Cup Highlights.** Action from the second round of pool fixtures, including Bristol v Sale Sharks, Leicester Tigers v Newport-Gwent Dragons, Northampton Saints v Gloucester and Scarlets v Bath.
- 12.50 **Jackpot247.**
- 3.00 **Motorsport UK.**

## Channel 4

- 6.15 **Triathlon: Challenge Aruba.** Action from Oranjestad, Aruba.
- 6.40 **Frasier.** Julia offends the entire Crane family. (R)
- 7.05 **Frasier.** Patrick Stewart guest stars. (R)
- 7.30 **FILM: Imagine That (2009).** Fantasy comedy, starring Eddie Murphy.
- 9.30 **Sunday Brunch.** With guests Rick Astley, Ivanno Jeremiah, Tom Goodman-Hill and Gyles Brandreth.
- 12.30 **Channel 4 Racing.** Live coverage from Cheltenham and Fontwell Park.
- 2.45 **FILM: Rango (2011).** Oscar-winning animated comedy, with the voice of Johnny Depp.
- 4.50 **FILM: Johnny English (2003).** Spy comedy, starring Rowan Atkinson.
- 6.30 **Channel 4 News.**
- 7.00 **Last Heroes of the Somme.** The story of how the Battle of the Somme was finally won after months of fighting, with the families of soldiers involved in the final day's conflict sharing diaries and letters.
- 8.00 **Great Canal Journeys.** Timothy West and Prunella Scales venture into the open sea as they make their way through the islands of Scotland's coast, and pay a visit to the rarely used Crinan canal.
- 9.00 **Humans.** Athena arrives in the UK, and her tragic secret is revealed. Niska's consciousness assessments begin, and the Synths are forced to abandon their hiding place.
- 10.00 **Formula 1: Brazilian Grand Prix Highlights.** Action from the race at Interlagos in Sao Paulo, which served as the 20th and penultimate round of the season.
- 12.05 **FILM: The Sitter (2011).** An irresponsible babysitter leads his three charges through a series of dangerous adventures on New York's mean streets. Comedy, starring Jonah Hill and Max Records.
- 1.45 **The Last Leg.** Adam Hills, Josh Widdicombe and Alex Brooker are joined by celebrity guests for a comic review of the significant moments of the past seven days. (R)
- 2.40 **Killing Kennedy.** A fact-based account of how US president John F Kennedy and his killer Lee Harvey Oswald crossed paths on that November afternoon in 1963. Drama, with Rob Lowe and Will Rothhaar. (R)
- 4.25 **Kirstie's Vintage Gems.** Kirstie Allsopp helps to bring a touch of romance and sophistication to Jannine and Shaun Cartwright's neglected bedroom. (R)
- 4.40 **Deal or No Deal.** Noel Edmonds hosts the high-stakes game show in which contestants can walk away with as much as £250,000 - or as little as a penny. (R)
- 5.30 **Wedding Town.** A couple travel from Ireland in a campervan, but the bride has very strict rules concerning the night before the wedding. Hotelier Alasdair Houston erects a giant thistle.
- 5.55 **The King of Queens.** Spence pretends to be Doug at a work event, and a dinner-party guest turns the tables on Arthur. (R)

## Channel 5

- 6.00 **Milkshake!: Milkshake! Monkey** 6.05
- Milkshake! Bop Box 6.10 Peppa Pig
- 6.15 Angelina Ballerina 6.25 Bob the Builder 6.40 Wanda and the Alien 6.50
- Zack and Quack 7.00 Seaside Antics
- 7.10 Fireman Sam 7.25 Pip Ahoy!
- 7.35 Little Princess 7.45 Paw Patrol
- 8.05 Blaze and the Monster Machines
- 8.30 Noddy in Toyland 8.50 Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom 9.05 Shimmer and Shine
- 9.25 **Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles.** Lord Dregg sets a fearsome bounty hunter on the trail of the Turtles. (R)
- 10.00 **Football on 5: Goal Rush.** Goals from the weekend's games in the Leagues One and Two. (R)
- 11.00 **5 News Special: Remembrance Sunday.**
- 11.05 **The Gadget Show.** Amy Williams and Jason Bradbury try out some gardening gadgets. (R)
- 12.05 **House Doctor.** Tracy Metro helps a dog groomer sell her home in Caistor, Lincolnshire. (R)
- 1.05 **FILM: The Heart of Christmas (2011).** Drama, starring Candace Cameron Bure.
- 2.50 **FILM: Road to Christmas (2006).** Romantic comedy drama, starring Jennifer Grey and Clark Gregg.
- 4.35 **FILM: One Christmas Eve (2014).** Premiere. Family comedy, starring Anne Heche.
- 6.15 **FILM: Married by Christmas (2016).** Premiere. The head of a family-run company realises she has to get married by Christmas or she will lose the business to her sister. Comedy, starring Jes Macallan and April Bowly. Includes 5 News at 7.15pm.
- 8.00 **Ice Road Truckers.** Todd finds a novel way of conquering a melted ice crossing, while Darrell and Lisa struggle to make it home and Alex faces a race against the clock.
- 8.55 **5 News Weekend.**
- 9.00 **FILM: Pompeii (2014).** Premiere. A gladiator fights to save the woman he loves as the Roman city faces destruction from a volcanic eruption. Disaster movie, starring Kit Harington and Emily Browning. Includes 5 News Update at 10pm.
- 11.05 **FILM: Red Dawn (2012).** Teenagers form a resistance movement when their home town is taken over by North Korean invaders. Action adventure remake, with Chris Hemsworth and Jeffrey Dean Morgan.
- 12.45 **Criminals: Caught on Camera.** Police officers use CCTV to monitor Soho's 100,000 nightly visitors, while the air support unit is called in when an armed gang goes on the rampage through Lambeth. (R)
- 1.15 **SuperCasino.** Live interactive gaming.
- 3.10 **Ben Fogle: New Lives in the Wild.** The explorer joins a couple in a derelict farmhouse in rural Hungary. (R)
- 4.00 **Tattoo Disasters UK.** (R)
- 4.25 **Tattoo Disasters UK.** (R)
- 4.50 **House Doctor.** (R)
- 5.15 **House Doctor.** (R)
- 5.40 **Angels of Jarm.** (R)



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Kate Victoria

Heather, David, Edward, Jack and Family, wish to express their sincere thanks to Family, Friends, Neighbours and Work Colleagues for their kindness and many messages of sympathy shown to them in their sad loss.

Grateful thanks also to the many people who attended the Funeral Service and the generous donations received, there and also online, for the Butterfly AVM Charity.

Special thanks to Phil Niblock for conducting a lovely Service and also to Frank Painter and Sons for their kindness and professionalism.

#### WILLIAMS

John Richard

Mary, Elaine, Delwyn and Lucy would like to thank all Relatives, Friends and Neighbours for their kindness, cards and messages at this sad time, also for the large attendance at the Funeral.

Thanks also for the generous donations, amounting to date at £1,000, to be divided between Morton Church and The Midlands Air Ambulance.

Thanks also to the Reverend George Hodgkinson for a lovely Service and to W.E. Price Funeral Directors for all their kindness and understanding.

### deaths

#### EVANS

Mabel

Of Dol-y-Felin, Welshpool.

Passed away suddenly at her home on Monday, October 24, 2016, aged 79 years.

Mabel's wishes for a Service to be held at Emstrey Crematorium, Shrewsbury, on Monday, November 14, at 12.30pm.

Donations would be appreciated for Cancer Research UK or Cat Rescue Centre - Mid Wales.

Any inquiries please to

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#### MEE

Jocelyn Anne

Also known as Jos and Jo Of The Forge, Norton, Presteigne.

Peacefully on Sunday, October 23, 2016, after a brave struggle.

She will be sadly missed by her Partner Rowand Himbury, by her Godchildren and by all her loving Family and Friends.

Funeral Service at St Andrew's Church, Norton, on Thursday, November 10, at 1pm.

No flowers please but donations, if desired, to The British Heart Foundation and St Andrew's, Norton.

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#### PUZEY

Anthony Michael (Tony)

Passed away peacefully on October 25, 2016, aged 79 years, of Arddleen.

Beloved Husband of Anne, much loved Father of Claire, Grandad to Caitlin.

Funeral Service at Emstrey Crematorium, Shrewsbury on Wednesday, November 16, at 1.15pm.

Family flowers only.

Donations if so desired to Montgomeryshire Wildlife Trust.

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# Price is very compelling for Musso

By Andrew Evans

The Musso is largely an updated version of the Korando Sports pickup, but with a new name brought back from Ssangyong's past. Musso – Korean for 'rhinoceros' – brings not only an exterior update and rebadge, but also a new engine, the Euro 6-compliant 2.2-litre E-XDI diesel. This can be paired with either a 6-speed manual or a new 6-speed automatic from Aisin.

The new engine brings an improved punch that improves the towing rating and brings a mild boost to the combined fuel economy of around five per cent, but performance is unaffected.

The redesigned cabin looks interesting enough, with an asymmetric set-up that proves a little awkward to use at first and has a few strange details. While the switchgear feels solid enough, the overall quality of the cabin isn't up to scratch yet – but then the same can be said of some pricier alternatives.

There are no questions about the Musso's practicality credentials. We haven't measured up the seat dimensions, but it's almost a moot point – the cabin is vast and even three abreast in the back isn't that much of a problem. This makes it great for family use.

The load bay behind you is proportioned to fit a standard Euro pallet, with a total of 2.04 square metres of area to play with. The 1,312 litre bed is fully lined, with tie-down points inside the bay too, so you can pack any load you want to safely. A range of load covers is



The re-designed cabin is interesting

available too, so you can use it as a secure load area or put a camper back on it for your dogs, for example.

Total payload is one tonne – the same as its predecessor – while the Musso can now tow up to three tonnes, bringing it into contention with more expensive rivals.

Unlike the majority of vehicles in the pickup sector, the Musso makes use of independent rear suspension. This gives it a surprisingly compliant ride, whether running empty or with the load bay pushed to its one-tonne limit – we also tested the car with a load bay full of gravel just to make sure. Without the extra weight, the Musso can get a little soggy over bumps, but by and large it's better than rivals that stick to more basic suspension.

The steering is somewhat mushy and vague though, so if you have any ambitions to press on down a country road it's best to put them on the backburner.

At speed there's rather a lot of wind noise, coming from those huge wing mirrors, but it's expected for this type of vehicle. Otherwise it's happy to sit at motorway speeds with little fuss, albeit with a little bit of body roll if you make too quick a lane change.

In EX specification you gain a reversing camera and it makes the pretty bulky Musso a breeze to park – particularly with that light steering. It would benefit from front parking sensors to judge the nose a little better.

The Musso range starts from £15,995 (excluding VAT) and comes equipped with 18" alloy wheels, leather-look seats, front and rear electric windows, power folding door mirrors, manual air conditioning, CD & RDS Radio with iPod & Bluetooth connectivity and a multifunction steering wheel.

Our EX Auto specification vehicle adds black 18" alloy wheels, roof rails, leather seats – heated in the front and electrically adjustable for the driver, a 7" touchscreen for operating the infotainment, rear view camera with parking sensors, front LED daytime running lights, auto headlamps, rain sensing wipers and cruise control, for £17,995.

The 6-speed automatic gearbox is a £1,000 option, so the car comes in at £18,995 (excluding VAT). Metallic paint is a £500 option, with a Kenwood touchscreen that brings DAB and navigation also available as a £999 option.

If you're self-employed and have a family, the Musso Pickup makes a lot of sense. Alongside being cheap – particularly if you

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There is a range of load covers including one which makes a secure load area

can claim the VAT back – and practical, it's roomy and comfortable enough to accommodate the kids when not put to work. Specify the optional load cover and the dogs can come too.

Ultimately the Musso Pickup proves a commendable all-rounder. The engine and

gearbox, particularly the automatic, are a huge improvement and certainly bring the Musso into consideration, with the good ride brought by the multilink rear suspension proving something of a boon. All other considerations aside though, the price is very compelling.

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## MOTURING

# Move looks certain to pay dividends for Hyundai i10



There's a new bumper design and new round LED daytime running lights

By Graham Breeze

With the competition growing and improving there was little option for Hyundai than to relaunch the i10 in the city car sector – a move that looks certain to pay dividends.

Because this is a massively improved i10 ready to compete head-on in a strong sector already heavily populated by such rivals as Skoda Citigo, Toyota Aygo, Kia Picanto and Volkswagen up.

In September, Hyundai sales were up 9.6 per cent year on year, in a market up just over one per cent, while retail sales were up 11.5 per cent, a figure made all the more impressive given that the market has declined by 3.4 per cent.

And it was the i10 city car, offering an award-winning package of design, space, technology, efficiency and safety, which achieved the most retail sales. The last time I drove the i10 I wasn't overly impressed but on this occasion I found the newly launched 1.0litre SE 66PS three-cylinder model a vastly different proposition, boasting competitive pricing, brilliant running costs, surprising space levels and lots of kit passed down from its big brothers in the Hyundai fleet.

Some of the rivals seat only four in this sector while Hyundai claim five. And yes you can get three across the back seats and though it is still a tight squeeze it does work. A 252 litre boot is also a plus but still failed the golf club test.

The New i10 comes with design refinements such as a cascading grille – the new family identity for Hyundai models in the future. There's also a new bumper design and new round LED daytime running lights, positioned at the edges of the grille.

At the rear the there's a new bumper design with a black inlay and round fog lights and redesigned rear lights with a darker housing for a sportier look. Redesigned side mouldings with a new shape and size round off the New i10's fresh profile.

Inside customers can now additionally choose from red, blue, orange, beige and black colours on all trims while the i10 stands on a new design of 14-inch steel or alloy wheels.

Steering is still a on the vague side but overall handling is much better thanks to an improved gear ratio and performance levels will send a shiver down the spines of rival designers.

There's combined fuel figures of 60mpg, which around town is exceptional, and a top speed of 96mpg with 0-62mph in 14.9seconds. CO2 figures are just 108g/km, meaning more savings on licencing costs.

The i10 on test would set you back £10,490 with metallic paint included at a cost £515 but you get a lot for your money in such a small car. There's a Brake Assist System, Electronic Stability Programme and an engine immobiliser for example.

Remote central locking, cruise control, air conditioning, height adjust-able steering column and all-round electric windows are not normally associated with this sector but they come as standard on the Hyundai as well as a five-year unlimited mileage warranty. With roadside assistance thrown in.

With sales already racing ahead there seems little to suggest that the Hyundai i10 will be anything other than a massive success for the company.

The test car felt as at home on country roads as on the busy streets and it's as good a city car as I have driven – yet.

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Shaw Ld AFC	15	10	4	1	34	11	34		
Newcastle	16	11	4	2	29	17	34		
Spalding	16	11	4	2	29	17	34		
Classon	16	11	4	2	29	17	34		
Wilton Albion	12	8	3	2	26	11	26		
Rushden & D.	13	5	2	24	17	23			
Leek Town	14	5	2	24	17	23			
Bastford Utd.	17	7	5	2	27	27			
Belper Twn	16	6	4	6	19	17	22		
Sridge PS	15	6	3	6	20	22	17		
Northwich V.C.	17	5	2	24	17	23			
Romulus	14	5	4	5	17	19			
Sheffield	17	5	3	9	24	24	18		
Gresley	14	4	6	4	24	24	18		
Bedworth Utd.	13	5	2	24	17	23			
Carlton Twn	15	2	1	10	15	9			
Rugby Twn	15	1	2	11	10	29	6		

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First Division									
P	W	D	L	F	A	P	P	P	P
Whitchurch A.	19	14	1	4	48	21	43		
Charnock R.	18	13	2	5	50	25	41		
City Liverpool	20	12	3	5	50	26	39		
Alcester Twn	16	11	0	5	36	15			
Ltd REMYCA	17	11	3	4	39	31	36		
Sandwich Utd.	17	11	3	4	39	31	36		
Pwch Hays	15	7	3	5	38	26			
Widnes	15	7	3	5	38	26			
Oswestry Twn	17	7	4	6	34	31	25		
Daisy Hill	16	7	3	6	31	35	24		
Stokeport Twn	15	7	3	6	31	35	24		
Carlisle City	16	6	3	8	35	41			
Holker OB	16	6	2	8	27	29	20		
Silken	15	6	1	8	33	31	19		
Alcester B.	15	7	2	6	48	38			
Chadderton	15	5	3	7	31	36	18		
Cheddle Twn	16	5	3	8	34	35	18		
St Helens Twn	16	4	5	3	30	47			
St Helens Utd.	16	4	5	3	30	47			
Blackpool	16	2	12	2	13	43	10		
Ecceleshall	16	1	12	2	13	51	6		
Acston Twn	16	1	14	13	59	4			

### Midland League

Premier Division									
P	W	D	L	F	A	P	P	P	P
Alvechurch	19	15	5	3	39	16	38		
Lye Twn	16	10	5	1	31	14	35		
Coleshill Twn	17	10	3	4	37	23	33		
Westfields	16	11	0	5	36	15			
Sptg Khalsa	16	8	4	4	36	21	28		
St Andrews	16	9	1	6	32	22	28		
Coventry City	13	8	1	4	21	14	25		
Alcester B.	17	2	8	7	23	30	23		
Loughborough U.	15	6	4	5	28	22	22		
Heanor Twn	14	6	4	4	25	22	22		
Shedden Dyn.	15	6	3	6	29	27	21		
Stoke New Mil.	15	5	4	6	29	27	21		
Rochester	15	5	4	6	33	36	19		
Walsall Wood	16	6	1	9	23	27	19		
Leamington	14	4	7	4	24	31	16		
Bolton	14	3	6	5	19	17	15		
Highgate Utd.	14	4	2	8	20	32	14		
Stoke New Mil.	15	5	4	6	29	27	21		
Shawbury Utd.	17	4	1	12	28	43	11		
Twidale	14	3	2	9	16	31	11		
Brocton	13	2	0	11	14	43	6		

### West Midlands League

Premier Division									
P	W	D	L	F	A	P	P	P	P
Haughmond	19	15	0	4	62	20	43		
W.L. Twp Spt Com	17	13	4	0	53	13	43		
Elmeston Rgs	17	13	4	0	57	29	34		
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### Spar Mid Wales League

Division 1									
P	W	D	L	F	A	P	P	P	P
Rhydyer	13	10	3	0	31	7	33		
Berriew	14	10	2	2	49	18	32		
Garno	12	7	4	1	31	24			
Row Street	13	7	5	2	18	22			
Aberaron	14	6	4	4	24	20	22		
Hay St Marys	12	6	3	2	27	18	21		
Knighton	14	6	4	2	24	21			
Llanfair	10	6	1	3	28	15	19		
Ll'dod Wells	11	4	4	2	22	18	25		
Tywyn Brynau	11	2	1	8	22	35	14		
Machynlleth	13	4	2	7	20	33	14		
Radnor Valley	13	4	2	7	20	33	14		
Llanidloes	11	3	5	14	22	12			
Welshpool	13	1	1	11	8	33	4		
Montgomery	12	0	1	11	9	33	3		

### Greenhous Shrewsbury

Sunday League									
P	W	D	L	F	A	P	P	P	P
Arcton Market	5	9	0	0	25	13	19		
Crickton Road	5	9	0	0	25	13	19		
Instones Utd	7	4	1	2	19	12	13		
Rock Rovers Yth	5	9	0	0	25	13	19		
Lopping	5	9	0	0	25	13	19		
Pontbury	5	9	0	0	25	13	19		
Kinnerley	5	9	0	0	25	13	19		
Cotton Rovers	7	4	1	2	19	12	13		
The Gales	7	4	1	2	19	12	13		

### English Rugby Clubs

National League 3 Midlands									
P	W	D	L	F	A	P	P	P	P
Sheffield	9	7	0	2	249	153	34		
Nuneaton	9	7	0	2	249	153	34		
Derby	9	7	0	2	249	153	34		
Bradford	9	7	0	2	249	153	34		
Sandwich	9	7	0	2	249	153	34		
Two Towns	9	7	0	2	249	153	34		
Old Hallions	9	7	0	2	249	153	34		
Bham & Solihull	9	7	0	2	249	153	34		
Bradford	9	7	0	2	249	153	34		
Longdon	9	7	0	2	249	153	34		
P'borough Lions	9	7	0	2	249	153	34		
Lichfield	9	7	0	2	249	153	34		
Bedford Athletic	9	7	0	2	249	153	34		
Syston	9	7	0	2	249	153	34		

### Midlands 1 West

### Division 4

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Crown A Foregate	7	5	1	0	1	21	12
Hewitt Farm Rgrs	7	4	1	2	23	11	13
Wheatshiel	5	4	0	1	17	6	12
Wheatshiel B	5	4	0	1	17	6	12
Beeches	7	4	0	3	13	15	12
Dorington	5	3	1	1	19	11	10
Dolphin AFC	7	2	1	4	20	28	7
Old PO Wern	6	1	2	3	12	11	5
Three Fishes	5	0	1	4	10	17	0
Dun Cow Youth	6	0	0	4	13	39	0

### Sportsjam Reg League

#### Premier Division

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Oakengettes Ath	12	6	3	3	31	14	23
Rock Rovers	12	6	3	3	35	27	21
Madeley Sports 10	10	5	4	1	24	12	19
Church Street 10	10	5	2	3	26	19	18
Gobowen Celtic	12	5	2	5	33	36	17



## Berriew reel in leaders with super away victory

TITLE hopefuls Berriew are just one point behind Spar Mid Wales League division one leaders Rhayader Town are stretching their unbeaten run to 10 games with a 3-1 victory at Machynlleth.

A penalty from Karl Seliaerts, along with strikes from Matt Mumford and Richard Davies, maintained the momentum as the Rhiewsiiders roared back in the second half to take the spoils.

With leaders Rhayader in Welsh Cup action, third placed Carno missed a chance of closing the gap after being held 2-2 at Radnor Valley. They are eight points off the pace after being denied by rep- lies from Joey Price and Geraint Lloyd.

At the other end of the table, WELSHPOOL's woes continue as they slumped 2-0 at Aberaeron to remain second bottom. Sion Clarke and Gareth Evans were on target for the home side.

Pool have won just once this season in the league, and the new management team of Chris Roberts and Neil Pryce are still chasing their first win since taking charge three weeks ago.

Local rivals MONTGOMERY still prop up the table, one place below Welshpool, after their 4-2 loss at Hay St Mary's.

The two Powys sides now find themselves four points adrift of Tywyn Bryncrug who produced the shock of the day by crushing Knighton Town 6-0 to ease their basement fears.

A headed goal in the first minute from Dean Evans proved enough to give Bow Street a 1-0 success at Llanidloes Town in a game of few chances.

LLANSANTFFRIAD Village moved up to fourth position in the Spar Mid Wales League second division table courtesy of a 4-0 home success against Builth Wells

There was less to cheer for FOUR CROSSES who went down 2-1 at Newbridge to remain in the basement regions.

Churchstoke went nap for a 5-2 home verdict against Presteigne to move into the top sixth, while Abermule lost ground as they slumped 3-0 at Dolgellau.

It was a good day for lowly Aberystwyth University who handed out a lesson by sweeping aside leaders Borth United 3-0 for their second league win of the campaign.

After a goalless first half, the students netted three goals in the first 10 minutes of the second period through Shaun Roberts, George Jenkins and Henry Nicholson.

DYFFRYN BANW's home encounter with basement rivals Penybont was postponed

Richard Davies fired a hat-trick as in-form Berriew booked their place in the third round of the Montgomeryshire Cup with a 3-0 victory over Caersws.

## Bentley goes through gears as Morda lose

MORDA United's hopes of making progress in the Shropshire Cup were dashed as a goal in each half from striker Ross Bentley enabled a young and fit St Georges side to prevail 2-0 in the second round round clash at Weston Road.

St Georges, who are lying third in the Mercian Regional League division one, impressed from the start as they moved well on and off the ball, while causing problems for the home defence through their pacy strikers.

They went close with early efforts from Bentley, George Lees and Karl Ainsworth, while Morda's first goal attempt came in the 15th minute through a Paul Bache volley which flew just wide.

Morda fell behind on the half hour when Bentley pounced on a through ball and gave Josh Thomas in the Morda goal no chance.

The visitors dominated the second period with Bentley doubling his side's lead through a penalty 20 minutes into the half.

# Llanfair in stirring second-half display

FOOTBALL by John Bridgwater

LLANFAIR United produced another never-say-die display to pull off a stunning 4-3 triumph at Flint Town United to book their place in the third round of the JD Welsh Cup.

After hammering defending champions and Cymru Alliance title favourites Caernarfon Town 4-1 the week before, United again showed their mettle by overturning a three-goal interval deficit with a second half goal blitz.

Andrew Hughes netted twice, either side of a strike from Joe Vaughan, as three goals came within the first 10 minutes of the second period, before James Davies bagged the winner in a dramatic comeback against their in-form hosts.

Despite trailing, revitalised Llanfair tore into their hosts in the second half to deservedly book their place in the third round of the prestigious cup.

As well as scoring four goals, they rattled the woodwork a further three times, in addition to striking the crossbar in the first period in which the home side had dominated.

It really was an astonishing turnaround as Flint led by three goals at the break as they played with a confidence befitting of a side who were unbeaten in their last eight games.

"To be honest, I couldn't see it coming at half time. In fact my concern was that we didn't lose by seven or eight," said Llanfair boss Rhys Stephens.

"It was important we stayed in touch and see what happened, and to score so early in the second half gave us a lift. The lads deserve a lot of credit for the way they came back."

Flint carved several good early chances, with Kyle Smith denied by keeper Chris Brown before taking the lead moments later when Joe Culshaw threaded a through ball to Richie Foulkes, who looked suspiciously offside before slotting home.

Flint doubled their advantage on 13 minutes when good work by Culshaw saw him regain possession for his side, before feeding Foulkes, who in turn, picked out James Hooper who charged in on goal before smashing a fierce shot from a tight angle that nestled in the corner of the net.

The visitors were afforded a rare sight of the Flint goal on 25 minutes, when a wind assisted free kick from Brown was allowed to find its way into the path of striker James Davies, whose long range effort struck the bar.

On 33 minutes, however, Flint struck again when Levi Mackin drove a free kick into the box before the ball rebounded to the feet of Culshaw, who blasted it in from close range off the under-side of the bar.

Flint spurned two further opportunities before the break, Brown making one good save while the visitors also cleared off the line right on half time.

However, Rhys Stephens' men turned the game on its head, getting a goal back just a minute after the restart when a cross from the right byline eluded both goalkeeper and defenders, and found its way to the waiting Hughes who had a simple tap in.

This early gift, put a spring back into the step of the visitors, and suddenly Flint were guilty of losing possession too cheaply and not closing down their opposite numbers.

On 50 minutes, Dan Kenyon smashed a free kick against the bar and onto the head of Joe Vaughan, who could only direct his header into the grateful arms of Danny McAdam in the Flint goal.

However, Vaughan was not to be denied on two minutes later when latching onto a through ball before showing great composure to chip over McAdam to pull another goal back.

## Tough trip sees Eagles grounded



Oswestry contest a line-out at Broughton and (below) Lanyon Bowlder man of the match Phil Drury

A SPIRITED Oswestry battled hard against title chasing Broughton Park before going down 62-0 at the second placed side in the South Lanes and Cheshire One.

Looking for some welcome cheer following eight previous defeats, the Eagles showed some positive signs before suffering another reverse as they continue to languish at the foot of the table.

They made the trip knowing that this encounter was going to prove a tough game, with players featuring out of position along with the unavailability of key personnel, while having only two available replacements.

However, despite the scoreline, the men of Oswestry put up a stirring effort against a very fit and organised side who only two seasons ago where playing in North West one.

Warren Howell, Richard Wilson, Richard Owen and Daniel Smart certainly stepped up to the mark playing out of their skins to help the Eagles defend and attack, while Phil Drury was named the Lanyon Bowlder man-of-the-match.

Coach Dan Samuels praised the attitude and commitment of the makeshift side that never allowed their heads to drop.

"Considering all the changes

and all the players playing out of their so called positions, we competed well throughout the game against a fit, well structured, very experienced Broughton Park," he said.

"Without the desire and work-mate the guys put in today, especially in the first half, the score would have easily been in the 100s.

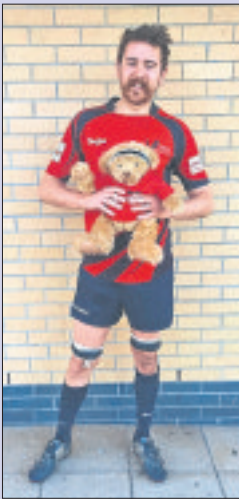
"Broughton Park is a club with a huge history and have played national league standard only two seasons ago.

"But we made them look very ordinary at times so the players should be proud of themselves for that.

"If we can boost numbers at training to allow ourselves to grow our first and second team squads depth, and develop our game, I reckon that by next March, when we have our return match, we will beat them and many others along the way."

The Eagles' first team are back at Granville Park on Saturday as they look to revive their fortunes against fifth placed visitors Glos-sop (2.15).

OSWESTRY II climbed out of the basement places in the Freshet division four (south) with a timely 26-12 home success against Moore - their second win of the season.



They now lie third bottom, just one place and one point below last weekend's young visitors, and look to keep up the good work away to Old Bedians II on Saturday.

## The latest returns from Shropshire's golf clubs

ARSCOTT

Mixed Texas Scramble: P. Buckley, J. Bunting, I. Lyttle, S. Oakley 60-04.1=55.9; R. Clarke, G. Jones, P. Lloyd, M. Wilde 65-08.2=56.8; P. Davies, C. Gettings, S. Travi, O. Sudd 64-06.9=57.1.

HENLLE PARK

Late October Stableford Division 1: H Price 43pts; T Phillips 39pts; G Sutton 38pts. Division 2: R Morris 38pts; T Phillips 37pts; I Harris 35pts.

Henlle Masters Trophy & Individual Stableford Winner: J Ruth. Division 1: P Price 41pts; J Ruth 40pts; A Wright 37pts. Division 2: J Athay 31pts (cb); S Ridge 31pts; R Harris 30pts.

Ladies' Jane Roberts Greensomes: V Davies & D Nicol 35pts; B Aubrey & J Andrews 34pts.

Seniors' 4BBB: T Hart & P Cartwright 42pts (cb); A Edwards & R Mazzarella 45pts; T Gleave & S Jervis 42pts.

HILL VALLEY

Lady Captain's Charity Texas Scramble (Emerald): S Wynn, B Siersema & C Sheard; C Ellwood, S Higgs & Stiles.

Margaret Hiles Brooch (Emerald): S Coupe 34pts; B Siersema 33pts; S Lockett 31pts.

LEOMINSTER

Yellow Ball: K Tandler (5); K Green (8), P Green (8), M Clark (20) 153pts; A Merrick (6); J Lawrence (7), A Phillips (10), W Mee (17) 152pts; S Jones (11), V Fish (12), A Beavan (17), M Powell (26) 151pts. Twos: R Francis.

Wednesday Front 9 Roll-Up Division 1: R Painter 22pts; T Merrick 21pts (cb); W Gore 21pts. Division 2: T Tandler 24pts; P Hitching 20pts; G Saunders 18pts.

Pairs Total Scores Multiplication Stableford: D Stephens (12) & Terry Davies (18) 1517 pts2; C Brimmler (4) & M Wood (8) 1330 pts2; R Brothwood (9) & P Lane (23) 1295 pts2.

President's v Captain's v Vice's Team Comp: Vice-Captain's team 421 pts; President's Team 420pts; Captain's Team 415pts.

Four Clubs & a Putter Division 1: R Brothwood (9) 36pts (cb); K Green (8) 36pts; M Wood (8) 35pts (cb). Division 2: W Gore (13) 36pts; M Houchin (16) 35pts (cb); T Taylor (16) 35pts. Division 3: G Stinton (21) 40pts; K Caldicott (21) 35pts; M Rusling (19) 34pts. Twos: R Tracey (19); K Green (8); W Gore (13) twice.

MARKET DRAYTON

Mid-week Stableford: D Griffith 39; K Hunt-bach 34; M Rushton 30; C Bates 30.

Ladies' Nine Hole Competition 2: J Lawson 29; G Mellor 29; A Loader 29; M Bayless 27.

4BBB Stableford Competition: F Bowers & S Powell 33; A Watkins & A Yendle 38; A Addison & H Wadkin 37; S Dutthe & H Taylor 34.

Winter Warmer Open: J Barker, J Sloan, A Watkins 62; S Glover, J Howard, R Stott 61; J Bostock, D Cotterill, S Butler 61; J Oliver, K Allen, S Basford 61; L Lewis, A Addison, S Powell 59; M Holmes, L Hawksworth, K Leonard 59.

MEOLE BRACE

Brooklands Cup: G Smallman 67-6=61; A Harris 80-14=66 55s 69.

Seniors' R T Trophy: J Richards 29pts (17); B Tann 29pts (15) Par 24pts.

OSWESTRY

Texas Scramble: M Knapper, K Jones, D Haycocks, D Potts 55.8; G Hughes, D Wase, R Rees, I Bowe 56.6; D Potts, R Burnett, D Haycocks, K Jones 57.4.

SHREWSBURY

Ladies' 18 Hole Stableford Division 1: S Watson 36pts; M Sherratt 35pts; G Snodgrass 33pts. Division 2: B Hitchin 39pts; M Adams 36pts; S Combes 37pts. Division 3: C Syma-more 40pts; K George 34pts; E Withers 27pts.

THE BROW

Christmas Competition No 1: I Davies 40pts; P Barker 38; K Abbott 38; P Fairbank 37; P Shore 37.

Ladies' Nine Hole Non-Qualifying Stableford (3 Clubs and a Putter) Division 1: G Snodgrass 18pts (ocf); G Ferguson 18pts; J Lancaster 16pts. Division 2: A Home-Dodd 18pts (ocf); B Hitchin 18pts; S Skinner 18pts (ocf); S Combes 16pts. Division 3: K George 18pts; S Townsend 17pts; J Ray 15pts.

WREKIN

Seniors' Texas Scramble (15 Hole): I Bull-ock, J Saul, E Jones 94/54/44.6; B Carline, T Spiers, K Grey 102/57/46.8; A Denver, D Pryce, G Hughes 85/56/47.5.

Winter Stableford 2 (15 Hole): K Grey 23/32pts; J Jervis 11/30pts; G Evans 5/29pts.

# Boss Barton on target for Guils in cup

FOOTBALL by John Bridgwater

PLAYER boss Dan Barton came to Guilsfield's rescue as the villagers progressed to the third round of the JD Welsh Cup with a 4-2 extra-time win at Cymru Alliance rivals Mold Alex.

The Guils, who had led early on through Adam Jenkins, had enough chances to have wrapped up the game in the first 90 minutes.

However, they found themselves 2-1 down before seasoned striker Barton pounced for an injury time leveller to take the tie into the extra period.

The visitors then took charge with Andy Ford's fine strike and a second goal from Barton sealing the comeback.

Guilsfield had a dream start to the tie with Jenkins netting in the Mold pulled, but squandered a host of chances as the third minute level through Lee Jones six minutes before half time.

The visitors continued to miss the target after the break, and it was Mold who took the lead in the 56th minute as Jones notched his second after the Guils had lost possession in their own half.

Manager Barton threw on the substitutes to try

to change the course of the match, and was rewarded with a last-gasp equaliser as terrific work from James Henderson saw Barton loop his header over the keeper.

Buoyed by the late goal, Guilsfield grew stronger in extra time and Ford hammered home a cracking strike to give his side the lead in the first period of extra time.

Victory was sealed in the last minute as a powerful run and cross from Sam Litchfield was met by Barton who slotted his second goal of the game.

It was the end of the road for LLANRHAEDR who crashed out 6-0 at higher ranked Hoywell Town for whom Shaun Tuck led the way with a hat-trick.

The villagers were always up against it after conceding in the first minute as Tuck opened his account when putting the Cymru Alliance hosts ahead from the first attack of the game.

Despite being under constant pressure, they

held out until two minutes before half time when Graeme Williams slipped the ball through to Sam Jones who fired home.

The encounter continued in similar vein after the break, and the Wellmen made it 3-0 on 57 minutes when Matty Harvey finished off from a Paul Williams cross.

Tuck notched his second of the game when chipping over the advancing keeper on 65 minutes, and two minutes later Williams volleyed in a Tuck cross at the far post.

Two minutes from time, victory was wrapped up as Tuck completed his hat-trick from the penalty spot.

Spar League leaders Rhayader Town succumbed 2-1 at home to Goytre, while Llandrindod Wells were also edged out 1-0 away to Llantwit Major.

Jonathan Evans scored twice on his return to the club as Penrhynoch progressed 3-0 against Cymru Alliance rivals Ruthin Town at Cae Baker, substitute Liam Doherty also on the mark.

## Ladies' side slip down to sixth in table

AFTER their half-term break, Oswestry Ladies made a losing return to action in the Cheshire Women's Hockey League division two when downed 3-0 at Deeside Ramblers.

Defeat, their fourth of the season, sees Oswestry slip to sixth spot, while the Deeside hosts are now up to third spot courtesy of their victory.

With 13 points from seven outings, the team bid to bounce back in Saturday's trip to second bottom Sale Ladies as they chase a fifth victory of the season.



## High fives as Reserves march on in the cup

LUKE Francis scored twice as Guilsfield reserves kept their flag flying in the Emrys Morgan Cup with a 5-3 second round passage at their Abermule counterparts.

John Lloyd, George Clifton and Jon Gamble also found the net, making it a good weekend for the club whose first team also progressed in the Welsh Cup with a 4-2 victory at Mold Alex.

WATERLOO ROVERS also made it through to round three of the Emrys Morgan Cup courtesy of a 3-0 win against Treveyn United, but Llanhaeadr reserves crashed 5-1 at home to Hay St Mary's reserves.

LLANYMYNECH's home tie with Kerry reserves was postponed due to the lack of referees, the match being put back to November 19.

WELSHPOOL reserves remain in the lower half of the Montgomeryshire League division two after being squeezed out 1-0 away to Carno reserves whose Neil Pugh grabbed the only goal of the game.

Kerry, meanwhile, are the new leaders of the Spar Mid Wales League division two after notching a 2-1 win over Aberystwyth University.

Victory, with goals from Daryl McWatt and Mark Hughes, saw the Lambs replace previous leaders Borth at the top of the table on goal difference.

### Emrys Morgan Cup second round results

Abermule 3 Guilsfield 5, Llanymynech v Kerry (postponed), Llanilar 2 Newcastle Emlyn 1, Newtown Wanderers 2 Brecon Northcote 3, Llanon v Newtown Rovers (postponed), Newtown Rovers unable to raise a side, Llanon proceed to the next round, Builth Wanderers 0 Pencaider 5, Newcastle 5 Aberystwyth University 2, Knighton Town 4 Tal-y-bont 1, Trevern 0 Waterloo Rovers 3, Llanfechain 1 Llangedwyn 2, St Harmon 0 Talgarth 3, Maesyrandir 1 Borth 2, Crannog 5 Bargod Rangers 0, Berriew 2 Lampeter 2 (aet, Berriew win 4-3 on penalties), Llanhaeadr 1 Hay St Mary's 5, Presteigne 2 Maesglas 1, Llanrindod Wells 1 Llanyfyllin 1 (set, Llanyfyllin win 8-7 on penalties) 0 New Quay 0 St Dogmaels 3, Caersws 6 Padarn 1, Ffos-trasol 11 Aberdylf 0, Felinfach 4 Bow Street 3.

## Saints suffer disappointing home defeat

ST MARTINS suffered a disappointing 2-1 loss to basement side Bromyard Town who bagged their first win in the West Midlands League division one.

After taking encouragement from their narrow 4-3 defeat to high flying Hereford Lads Club the week before, the Saints failed to build on that performance against a side that has been struggling this season.

Bromyard fully deserved to take the spoils, going ahead in the first half before Calum Bennett levelled matters at half time when latching onto a terrific diagonal pass from Kieran Barry.

However, the Saints were unable to push on from that as the visitors restored their lead with a second goal after the interval to return with the points.

Defeat left St Martins 11th in the table, and desperately seeking a much needed win at home to Wednesfield on Saturday.

"It was very disappointing," said manager Craig Rogers, who is still looking for his first win since taking charge last month.

"The performance was not good enough, the players are better than that. "The club have not won since August, but once we get one win, I am sure it will lead to two or three."

## Shropshire in a darts defeat

SHROPSHIRE are still searching for their first win of the county darts season after three fixtures following defeat away to Clwyd.

They were beaten in all four groupings after making the trip to Wales. Shropshire have also lost away at Norfolk and at home to the West of England. They next welcome Pembrokeshire to their base of Castle Hall in Bridgnorth on the weekend of December 10-11.

# Price is right as Town back in groove

FC OSWESTRY Town got back to winning ways in the Hallmark North West Counties League division one with a solid 3-1 success at home to lowly Ashton Town.

Victory took Town up to eighth in the table, and on Saturday they head to Bolton side Daisy Hill looking to avenge a 1-0 defeat at Park Hall just a few weeks back.

Brendon Price, a threat on the wide left, gave Town a 23rd minute lead and provided the assist for Graham Dyke to volley a second 10 minutes later.

The hosts had chances to be further ahead, but Ashton pulled one back before half-time with a

strike from the edge of the box through Jack Irlam.

Price's second of the game on the hour ended any hopes of a fightback as Town held sway in the second period despite not adding to the tally.

It was a first win for interim manager Mike Barton, who took over a few weeks back from Dan Stevens, while former St Martins boss Ryan Butcher has since joined the management team.

Earlier in the week, a much changed Town bowed out of the Commander Ethelston Cup at the first hurdle when record 2-0 by Prees at Whitchurch.

FC OSWESTRY Town reserves saw their unbeaten run halted as they bowed out of the Shropshire Challenge Cup with a 3-0 second round exit at Merican Regional League premier division high fliers Oakengates Athletic.

Town will be out to make a swift riposte when they return to action in the Merican first division on Saturday with a trip to struggling AFC Broseley.

GOBOWEN Celtic kept their flag flying in the Shropshire Cup with a 3-0 success at home to Brown Clew with goals from Ben Carter, Richard Hardy and Joe Pierpoint.

Also making it through to the third round are ST MARTINS Village who overcame Madeley Sports 5-1, but Trefonen crashed out 10-1 at Rock Rovers.

# Ruthless New Saints closing in on record

FOOTBALL by John Bridgwater

**HIGH-FLIERS** The New Saints closed in on a new Dafabet Welsh Premier record after making it 14 wins on the trot with a hard-earned 2-1 victory at Bangor City.

Goals in each half from Greg Draper and Alex Darlington secured another success for the Saints, keeping the defending champions a commanding 15 points clear at the top of the table.

Draper bagged his ninth goal of the season in the 20th minute and, despite being pegged back by a penalty from Gary Roberts five minutes later, the league leaders regained the lead courtesy of Darlington's header seven minutes into the second period.

It proved a real battle in a pulsating affair, but the Saints, who had struggled to get in their stride in the first half, showed their mettle after the break to stretch their winning run to 17 games in all competitions.

Boss Craig Harrison was naturally delighted with another win that maintained the perfect start, but admitted his TNS side were made to battle all the way.

"Bangor played very well, they deserve a lot of credit," he said. "They put us under pressure in the first half, and they gave us our test of the season so far."

"We scored against the run of play, then conceded a sloppy penalty, but in the second we were a lot better, we adapted well and controlled the game up until the last 10 minutes."

"We'll enjoy another win, but the lads know that they were not at their best in first 45 minutes."

TNS carved an early opening as Darlington went close on seven minutes when, after good play down the right, his curling strike from Simon Spender's pass was palmed away by keeper Connor Roberts.

But Bangor, who themselves hold the record of 15 straight victories at the start of the 2010-2011 Welsh Premier season, were up for the challenge in the 100th match to be played at their Nantporth ground.

Henry Jones fired straight at keeper Paul Harrison from close range and Damian Allen then headed against the post after the visitors had failed to clear a corner.

However, with 20 minutes played, the Oswestry side were in front when Darlington played in Draper who turned in the box before slipping the ball past Roberts.



New Saints' central defender Connell Rawlinson closes his man down at Bangor. Picture: Andre Pepper.

Bangor were soon back on terms five minutes later when Jordan Davies was brought down in the box by Steve Saunders, and home captain Gary Roberts sent Harrison the wrong way for his fifth goal of the season.

Although Darlington volleyed inches wide, the Saints struggled to get a foothold in the first half with the Citizens proving a real handful.

But the unbeaten league leaders steadied the ship in the second period, and sounded warning when terrific play from Darlington set up Draper whose headed effort was tipped over the bar by Roberts.

The Saints, however, were not to be denied on 52 minutes when, after Roberts had blocked from Aaron Edwards, Ryan Brobbel crossed back into the goalmouth from the right byline for Darlington to nod in at the far post.

The Citizens did their utmost to get back in the game, with former Saint Danny Gosset finding space before firing wide from a tight angle.

But TNS were now controlling possession, with sub Chris Sergeant firing straight at Roberts after latching on a loose ball on the edge of the box.

City pushed forward late on, but TNS were not to be denied a 14th straight Welsh Premier win to maintain their relentless march at the top of the table.

The Saints, who fly the flag in the IRN-BRU Cup next Sunday, will have to wait until Friday, November 18 before attempting to equal Bangor's 15-match winning record in the league when they travel to Carmarthen Town.

Newtown gained a much-needed 2-0 victory over fellow strugglers Airbus UK to boost hopes of escaping the Welsh Premier basement.

Despite nothing only their second win in 14 league outings, and their first since August, the Robins continue to prop up the table.

But the timely success means that Chris Hughes' men have closed the gap to just one point of Airbus and basement rivals Cefn Druids.

After being on the back foot in the first period, the visitors rallied after the break and fully deserved the points thanks to two second half goals.

The first came from Neil Mitchell with a deflected opener on 65 minutes from a Ross Stephens corner, before Stephens doubled the advantage with a penalty

## Three out as Ellesmere prepare for testing trip

ELLESMERE RANGERS are without a trio of key players as they go in search of a sixth successive win in the West Midlands League premier division at Bewdley Town on Saturday, writes STUART DUNN.

The Beech Grove men consolidated their top three spot by beating county rivals AFC Bridgnorth 2-0 last weekend.

Manager Richard Brown was pleased to see his side maintain their impressive run, but he must ring the changes for the trip to sixth-placed Bewdley as Rangers are missing the unavailable Charlie Musselwhite, Aaron Simms and Joe Parry.

"It will be a tough one at Bewdley," predicted Brown. "They've had a bit of a resurgence this season and have signed some ex-Stourport players."

### Belief

But Brown added: "Everyone at the club's happy with how things are going."

"The lads have just got a bit of belief in them and are playing well. We've just got to keep plugging away."

Josh Brown headed Rangers in front in the first half against Bridgnorth before Musselwhite doubled the advantage after the break from the penalty spot after George Taylor was pulled down.

"Josh has scored something like six goals in his last eight games," added the boss.

"He's not a natural forward but he's quick and playing with Karl Bailey up top, who doesn't stop running for the 90 minutes, it seems to be working."

## Wellington stride clear at the top

WELLINGTON A are the early leaders of Division Two in the Shropshire Chess League after victory over Telepost C gave them four wins from as many games.

A first ever win in the league for Simon Rhodes on bottom board took them over the finishing line against a Telepost side who were heavily outgraded.

The Shrewsbury-based Telepost club is fielding no fewer than five teams in the league this season, which may well be a record. An influx of players from the recently-collapsed Church Stretton club will have been a huge help in filling places.

Shrewsbury B are in second place after drawing against Newport Juniors. Newport started with a two-point advantage because the visitors arrived two players short.

However, Olusegun Ilesanmi and Tony Purser won their games for Shrewsbury. And Ivor Salter drew against Simon Maydew – the only adult fielded in the juniors' side – to salvage the point for Shrewsbury.

### Results

Division Two, Wellington A 4.5 Telepost C 0.5; C Roberts 0.5 G. Shepherd 0.5; T Neal 1 Q Mills 0; C Murray 1 V Crean 0; M Hollier 1 C McCallie 0; S Rhodes 1 N Holmes 0.  
Newport Juniors 2.5 Shrewsbury B 2.5; E Xu 0 O Ilesanmi 1; S Maydew 0.5 I Salter 0.5; L Clarke 0 A Purser 1; D Holmes 1 default 0; Z Maydew 1 default 0.

## Ladies pegged back in defeat

DESPITE holding a 2-1 half-time lead, The New Saints Ladies succumbed 4-2 at Birmingham and West Midlands Ladies to lose ground on the leading pack.

Maddie Jones and Emily Ridge were both on target inside the first half-hour to give the Saints the edge, but the hosts hit back with a brace from Gemma Home while Annie Pritchard and Justine Bickmore were also on target.

Defeat sees TNS occupy fifth position in the FA Women's Premier League Midlands division one, six points off Loughborough Foxes in top spot while also having played a game more.

# Promoted Oswestry mixing in well

TENNIS by John Bridgwater

set tie break 6-4, 1-6, 1-0 to get a very welcome point for the side.

The team's second home fixture against Cleverley saw the first pair of Russell and Woolley lose 1-6 in the first set against the visitors' first string, before making a competitive match-up in the second set in which they just lost out 5-7.

The second pairing of Jo Macrae and Matt Grice chalked up an easy victory against Cleverley's second pair in straight sets 6-0, 6-1 to make it all square going into the reverse rubbers.

Russell and Woolley also achieved a comfortable win against the opposing second pair 6-0, 6-1, and Macrae and Grice then took the opposing first pair to a deciding third set tie break after taking the first set 6-4 but dropping the second set 3-6.

They narrowly lost in the decider, but the set they won gave the Oswestry side the overall victory on sets won 5-4 to earn six points.

Their third fixture, again at home, was against Shifnal and they made a flying start to take charge.

In the first round rubbers, the first pair of Macrae and Woolley played superbly to take it in straight sets 6-3, 7-5, while the second pair of Oakley and Grice followed suit with a straight sets win against the second pair 6-2, 6-2.

In the reverse rubbers, Macrae and Woolley were again the superior pair winning 6-3, 6-1, but Oakley and Grice suffered a 3-6, 4-6 defeat.

The end result was a seven points to one victory for the home team and half way through their season they are looking well placed with three away fixtures to play.

The second mixed team made it three away wins in a row to maintain their challenge in the Shropshire Group 4N when travelling the short distance to Crifftins where they defeated their counterparts 6-2.

The first pairing of Gary Edwards and Speth Cumpston convincingly defeated their Crifftins counterparts by the score of 6-2, 6-0, while the second pairing of Nick Elliott and Carolyn Yates had a tougher time against the Crifftins second pairing, losing 6-3, 6-2.

In the reverse rubbers, Edwards and Cumpston quickly took the first set by 6-1, but lost focus a little in the second before eventually came through to win it 6-4 and hence the rubber. Elliott and Yates, having made a storming start by winning their first set 6-1, let it slip in the second by dropping it 3-6.

They were then disappointed to lose the deciding third set tie-break 0-1 but the set they gained secured them the overall result on sets won, with Oswestry coming through 5-4 to attain six of the available eight points.





## Welshpool on the trail of revenge

WELSHPOOL'S rugby players will be looking for revenge after being drawn away to Powys rivals Newtown in the quarter-finals of the Cambrian Training Mid Wales Cup.

The Maesydre men were well beaten 47-8 at home by their neighbours in North Two East last month, but will hope to put the record straight when they make the short return trip.

COBRA's second string have an early start in the Mid Wales Cup with a preliminary round tie at home to their Builth Wells counterparts.

**Draw, preliminary round:** Trefyclawdd v Aberystwyth University, COBRA II v Builth Wells II. **Quarter-finals:** Trefyclawdd or Aberystwyth University v COBRA II or Builth Wells II, Rhayader v Llanidloes, Aberystwyth II v Llandrindod Wells, Newtown v Welshpool. Ties to be played before January 7, 2017.

Welshpool's youngsters, meanwhile, face a trip to Pontypool United in the third round of the WRU Youth Cup on Saturday, December 3.

After a weekend's break, clubs return to duty in the Welsh League with COBRA facing a crunch home clash against fellow strugglers Bethesda in North Wales division one.

The Meifod men lie third-bottom in North Wales division one after just one win in seven outings. They will hope that a two-week gap without any action has given them time to regroup for a must-win encounter against a Bethesda side-one place and nine points above.

WELSHPOOL are in good spirits after a 10-try, 68-21 North Wales Intermediate Cup victory over struggling Rhos at Maesydre in their last game two weeks ago.

They return to North Two East duty on Saturday with a testing trip to Shotton Steel. Pool lie sixth with their hosts going well in their third.

After nine straight defeats, OSWESTRY bid for some cheer when they host Glossop in South Lancs and Cheshire One on Saturday (2.15).

## Lucky 13 as Davies tops the goal chart

THIRTEEN is proving lucky for Berriew's Richard Davies who is currently the joint leader in the Spar Mid Wales League division one goalscoring chart.

The latest standings see Davies on 13 goals, all in the league, while Llanrhaeadr's Iwan Matthews also has 13, three of which have been in the league cup.

Carno's Peter Rees is another with 13 goals to his name – three in the cup – while Davies' team-mate Karl Sellaerts is fourth with 12 goals, all scored in the league.

Elsewhere, Berriew's Matt Mumford has seven goals, all in the league, as has Llanrhaeadr's Iain Edmunds (six league, one cup).

Player-boss Neil Pryce is Welshpool's top scorer with five.

In division two, Nathan Prodger is on nine league goals for Llansanffraid Village. He's three behind Builth Wells' Dave Thomas who currently leads the standings on 12.

## Tricky ties for Llanfair and Guilsfield

CYMRU Alliance duo Llanfair United and Guilsfield face awkward ties against lower league opposition in the third round of the JD Welsh Cup – and holders TNS visit old adversaries Newtown.

Llanfair, who beat Cymru Alliance rivals Flint Town United 4-3 from three down in the previous round, have a home tie against Corwen following this week's draw in Cardiff.

But they will be wary of their in-form Welsh National League premier division visitors, shock 6-1 winners at Buckley Town in the previous round.

GUILSFIELD, who overcame Mold Alex 4-2 after extra time, also face a potential banana skin

### FOOTBALL

against lower league opposition when they travel to Greenfield, the last remaining side in the Lock Stock Welsh Alliance division one.

The only all-Welsh Premier clash in the third round sees The New Saints – looking to lift the trophy for a fourth successive season – visit Newtown in a repeat of the 2015 final at Latham Park.

The tie pits together the sides lying at the top and bottom of the Welsh Premier.

One of the most eye catching performances in the second round was Llanfair's win at Flint.

"I couldn't see it coming at half-time, in fact my concern was that we didn't lose by seven or eight," admitted manager Rhys Stephens. "The lads deserve all the credit."

Welsh Cup draw: Haverfordwest Co v Afan Lido, Cefn Druids v Llantwit Major, Penybont v Airbus UK, Caernarfon Tn v Carmarthen Tn, Llandudno FC v Goytre, Llanfair Utd v Corwen, Ton Pentre v Bangor City, Llanelli Tn v Ynysygerwn, Newtown v TNS, Greenfield v Guilsfield, Aberystwyth Tn v Holywell Tn, Cardiff Met v Porthmadog, Gap Connah's Quay v Goytre Utd, Bala Tn v Caidicot Tn, Rhyl v Penrhynoch, Prestatyn Tn v Holyhead Hotspur. Ties to be played on December 2-4.

# TNS HEAD-ING NORTH AGAIN

FOOTBALL by John Bridgwater

**THE New Saints put their unbeaten record on the line when they head north of the border this weekend to fly the flag in the quarter-finals of the IRN-BRU Scottish Challenge Cup.**

The Dafabet Welsh Premier leaders, who have won 17 games in all competitions this season, could hardly be in any better shape as they make the trip to West Lothian to tackle Scottish League division one leaders Livingston in Sunday's showdown (4.05pm).

Invited into the competition for the first time as Welsh champions, the Saints have already made one successful raid after overcoming Forfar Athletic in the previous round, with Greg Draper's hat-trick sealing a 3-1 passage.

This assignment promises to be even sterner with Livi having won their last three outings, including last weekend's 3-1 success against East Fife, to move two points clear at the top of the first division table. The TNS management went to watch Livingston in action against Alloa last month, while they have also studied footage of their last three games.

### Prepared

"We've prepared just like a European game, have done everything we can, and everyone's now looking forward to going up there," said boss Craig Harrison.

"Unlike Forfar, it's going to be a bit different as Livingston are full-time, so it's going to be a big test.

"But we're looking forward to the challenge, and it's a good chance to gauge ourselves against a side we wouldn't normally play."

He added: "With us being in the IRN BRU Cup, some people may have thought we would take our eye off the league, but if anything it has made us more focused as players want to play in these games.

"Whatever competition we play in, we want to win every game, and this is no different as we look to keep our winning run going."

The match will be screened live on S4C.

## Town look to drum up support



The FC Oswestry Town players line up before the 3-1 win over Ashton Town. Pic: Ian Jones.

BOSS Mike Barton is hoping to get more locals involved – both players and spectators – as FC Oswestry Town look to continue their creditable campaign in the North West Counties League division one.

Barton took charge on an interim basis after Dan Stevens parted company with the club a few weeks back, and notched his first win as Town overcame lowly Ashton Town 3-1 to move up to eighth in the table.

The former goalkeeper and ex-Guilsfield manager has been impressed with what he has seen in the league this season, which has provided the Oswestry side with a fresh challenge after lifting the Mercian League premier division title last term.

"I've been impressed with the league which is very professional and of a high standard, and we want to get more people to come to down to watch as the league has a lot to offer," he said.

"Where possible, we want to get local players involved, as we feel this is the way forward. In Saturday's game, of the 16 players in the

squad, 12 lived within eight miles of Oswestry."

Town look to cement their place in the top half of the table when they head to Bolton to take on Daisy Hill on Saturday.

They lost narrowly at home 1-0 to the same opponents a few weeks back, so will be looking to put the record straight.

"It was a game we dominated, while they scored with a penalty," said Barton whose No2 is former St Martins manager Ryan Butcher. "They've been on a good run."

Front runner Shawn Melusi has left Town, and is set to rejoin neighbours St Martins in the West Midlands League division one.

The Saints currently lie 11th in the table after last weekend's 2-1 loss at home to struggling Bromyard Town, and will be desperate for a much needed boost at home to Wednesfield on Saturday.

"It was very disappointing as the performance was not good enough," said manager Craig Rogers, who is still looking for his first win since taking charge last month.

## Llanrhaeadr looking to bounce back

AFTER being hit for six, Llanrhaeadr will be out to bounce back when they visit title-chasing Berriew in the Spar Mid Wales League division one on Friday night.

Despite their efforts, Llani ended up well beaten 6-0 by highly-rated Cymru Alliance side Holywell Town last weekend to end their progress in the Welsh Cup.

However, Berriew represents another tough test, with the Rhewsidors on a 10-match unbeaten which has lifted them to second in the table, just one point behind leaders Rhayader Town.

Should they defeat Llanrhaeadr, Dave Jones' side could take over at the summit if Rhayader fail to win at Hay St Mary's.

Berriew were made to battle last weekend before overcoming a 1-0 half-time deficit to win 3-1 at Machynlleth to maintain their impressive sequence of results.

"It's a massive game against Llanrhaeadr who are one of the strongest teams in the league, and they could get within one point of us if they were to win their games in hand," said boss Jones.

"However, we are playing well, especially at home, so confidence is high and hopefully we can get another win to keep the pressure on Rhayader."

At the other end of the table, basement side MONTGOMERY hope to haul themselves off the foot of the table when they visit Llanidloes Town.

In the only other game in a reduced programme this weekend, third placed Carno aim to stay in sight of the leaders in Friday's trip to Llandrindod Wells.

## Harrison delighted with win at Bangor

BOSS Craig Harrison was delighted to survive TNS' "toughest test" as the Welsh Premier leaders maintained their winning streak with a hard-earned 2-1 verdict at Bangor City.

That result, with goals in each half from Greg Draper and Alex Darlington, made it 14 straight wins in the league – now just one away from Bangor's 15-game record.

"Bangor have been our toughest rivals, and they gave us our toughest test so far," said Harrison, whose side have now won 17 in all competitions.

"They started well, and put us under pressure. We scored against the run of play, then gave a sloppy penalty away, but I felt we controlled the second half up until the last 10 minutes.

"We were not at our best in the first half but you've got to give Bangor credit, they caused us problems. But we adapted well in the second half."

Saints goalkeeper Chris Mullock, on loan with Aberystwyth, landed the Welsh Premier's goal of the month award when scoring with a 65-yard free kick in the 4-0 win against Rhyl.

TNS under-19s moved top of the Welsh Premier Development League (North) with a 2-1 victory at rival challengers gap Connah's Quay.

The young Saints are a point clear at the top with seven wins from nine outings, with one draw and one defeat.

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